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Budget Outlook

ATTENTION will be focused on the Financial Secretary this Wednesday when he is due to present to the Legislative Council his budget for 1956-57. Will the tidings be glad or grim? That is Mr. Clarke's secret, but we venture to suggest that he will not find it necessary to be too depressing.

A year ago the Financial Secretary budgeted for a \$32 million deficit—a figure which no one was inclined to take too seriously. Monthly returns published in the Government Gazette have supported the scepticism then expressed, and unless there has been a considerable excess of expenditure over revenue during the last quarter the public can expect the financial year to end with a small surplus. Should this prove to be so, it must be observed that it affords no room for complacency. It will probably be found that elimination of the estimated deficit is due principally to a substantial reduction in expenditure and that revenue will be in the region originally forecast.

THE warning was given twelve months ago that, on the present basis of taxation in all its forms, and in view of the trade recession not yet corrected, the Colony had just about reached its ultimate in revenue raising. The figure is impressive enough, but it is confronted by a formidably growing expenditure, much of it dedicated to development schemes, expansion of social services, education and health—all regarded as essential.

This is the power which confronts the Treasury and must also exercise the minds of the taxpayers. The prospect of increased taxation in any direction is depressing, but the possibility cannot be ruled out. The alternatives are a slowing down of development and expansion programmes, or dipping into reserves to finance capital costs.

The clamour for continuing improvement in public services, social welfare, health and education is not likely to abate. In fact such a momentum has already been attained that it is doubtful if there could be any considerable curtailment of activity in these directions without seriously dislocating the Colony's social equilibrium.

THE task of the Financial Secretary is no enviable one. His first duty is to maintain a balanced budget, but to this is aligned the necessity of pressing on with essential schemes designed to bring benefits to the community.

It is a problem which underscores one fact, that Government must not embark on costly projects which are otherwise than a "must" so far as the welfare and interests of the Colony are concerned. Additionally the public are entitled to request that whatever pruning can be made in departmental expenditure it should be made.

New tax impositions should be introduced only as a last resort and in justification of expenditure that will bring a return to the taxpayer. In this connection close interest will be devoted to the projects which Government has in mind for the coming fiscal year. They must not only be essential from the long-term point of view, but also urgent, if they are to win approval. And if the Financial Secretary finds new taxation is inescapable, let it be seen that the impact is as widely spread as possible, namely that he taps the stream of indirect taxation before calling on the few to shoulder new burdens by raising the salaries tax.

SPEEDBOAT
TRAGEDY

New York, Feb. 26. Two women drowned and a third was left abandoned for three other persons today when an open speedboat hit a sandbar and overturned in the rough waters of the lower Potomac River.

A girl in her middle teens was dead when brought ashore. A woman in her early 20s died after attempts at artificial respiration failed to revive her. Some three hours after the accident, rescuers were still dragging the river for two men and a woman. Two other women were taken to hospital, suffering from shock and exposure.—United Press.

Teenagers
& Police
Do Battle

Troops Called Out

Daytona Beach, Feb. 26. Nearly 4,000 teenage "hot rod" car enthusiasts fought police and firemen for five hours today before reserve troops carrying rifles finally dispersed them. About 100 youngsters were arrested.

The youngsters also stoned film actors Barton MacLane and James Craig who were in the area. Neither was hurt. Trouble began when police ordered a group of youngsters to stop making acceleration tests on a main street intersection. The youngsters, led by a young man named James, refused. As the group grew into an aggressive milling crowd, police tossed in tear gas bombs.

15 INJURED
About 15 people, including a policeman, were injured before national guardsmen restored order. An officer said he fired one warning shot. Then his 30 men encountered no resistance. Three youths were injured in a "hot rod" accident. One was thought to have a broken spine. A "hot rod" is a light car with a specially tuned engine.

About 100 youths were arrested. Police toured the city later hoping to find the ring leaders.—Reuter.

Boyd Arrives
In Nicosia

Nicosia, Feb. 26.

The British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, arrived in Nicosia tonight for on-the-spot talks with Governor Sir John Harding on the political situation in Cyprus.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd is scheduled to report to the House of Commons on Tuesday next on recent exchanges between Sir John Harding and the Cyprus Envoys movement for union with Greece. Archbishop Makarios.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd told journalists at the airport that it was likely he would meet Makarios during his visit although no talk was planned and a meeting would depend upon his consultations with Sir John Harding.

The Colonial Secretary said he had come principally to see the situation in Cyprus for himself.—France-Press.

Finnish Cabinet
Minister Killed

Helsinki, Feb. 26.

Finland's Finance Minister, Perna Torvo, was killed in a car accident near Helsinki tonight. He was one of three occupants in an official car which slid on the icy road surface near Tushy, 40 kilometres from Helsinki, and collided with another car.

Torvo, born in 1901, was a member of the Social Democratic Party executive since 1940. He has had several ministerial posts and was appointed Finance Minister in Prime Minister Kekkonen's fifth Cabinet in 1954.—Reuter.

Avalanches In
Italy
CENTRAL EUROPE
STILL ICE-BOUND

London, Feb. 26.

Frigid Europe today took a first cautious step out of a new ice age which killed nearly 1,000 people in avalanches, floods, accidents and other disasters.

The thaw hit first and hardest in Italy, where at least 150 have died in the period of bitter cold and unheard of snows. Hundreds of avalanches blocked roads, isolated more villages and threatened to dash home into the sea on the Italian peninsula.

Spain and Portugal also sounded landslide warnings.

The Berlin weather bureau—watchdog of cold waves from Russia, the source of this one—reported that spring was in the air.

"The cold wave has ended," it said. "The hard winter has passed by. Only the snow on the ground keeps the air cold."

Everything
Laid On
By The Navy

London, Feb. 26.

Leading Writer Bernard Smith of the Royal Navy, who flew from Singapore because his mother is dangerously ill, found a special aircraft waiting for him at London airport today.

As he stepped from a BOAC Constellation, he was met by Royal Navy men who had been standing by with a Devon plane flown up from Lee on Solent, Hampshire.

Twenty minutes after he arrived from the Far East he was on his way home to Anglesey, north Wales.

Two days ago Smith, who told of his mother's illness, was put on the first London-bound flight. At London airport he was hurried through immigration and Customs to the Devon plane, which took off for Holyhead.

Later tonight Bernard Smith reached the bedside of his critically ill mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, 45, at Anglesey.

The journey home had taken less than three days.

TWO HOURS TO LIVE

Mrs. Smith, mother of six, became ill with paralysis and a week ago was given two hours to live.

The naval authorities were told today at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday that Smith, who was ashore playing football in Singapore, was told to get civilian clothes and an air ticket.

He left at 11.30 p.m. on Friday and arrived at London airport at 2.40 p.m. today.

With the help of the Royal Navy men who had been standing by at London airport with the Devon plane, Smith was home just after 1700 GMT, the last 20 miles being accomplished by a RAF staff car.

He said tonight: "It was all done very rapidly and smoothly, thanks in the first place to my divisional officer."

"Before I went up to see mother I shaved off my beard and she recognized me straight away."

Leading Writer Smith expects to return to the Far East. He joined the Royal Navy in 1951 and is on a 12-year engagement.—China Mail Special.

ACRIMONIOUS COMMONS DEBATE FORECAST

London, Feb. 27.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, opens a one-day House of Commons debate on foreign affairs today with the Labour opposition bitterly hostile to the government's Middle East policy.

Sir Anthony Eden's government is likely to run into a barrage of Labour attacks on its attitude to the Arab-Israeli situation and its firm backing of the five-nation Baghdad defence pact, political sources said.

Today's debate will also range over the Far East and in particular the Chinese Nationalist-Communist occupation of the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

Labour MPs are likely to assail the government's policy of "no intervention" in the Far East.

Despite heartening thaw reports from Scandinavia and the south, central Europe was still locked in an Arctic weather belt.

A report from Prague said that hunger-motivated riots were rampaging in the Czech capital and a number of persons were reported attacked by rodents.

In Portugal, livestock herds were reported dwindling fast from starvation and the attacks of wolves. Food prices soared. The bitter cold also took a heavy toll of farming. Spanish agricultural losses were estimated at \$50,000,000.

In Denmark, authorities estimated that home owners paid nearly half again as much for additional fuel to keep warm during the cold spell as was usual this time of the year. Public transport organisations lost millions due to wrecked communications facilities.

STILL SKATING

In Paris, the thaw washed away some of the cold, but Parisians still skated in the Bois de Boulogne. The cold wave seriously hurt the famed Parisian entertainment industry. Theatres reported a heavy slump in attendance, and many cabarets and restaurants were empty.

Movie owners in Copenhagen said attendance was cut one-fifth by the cold wave, and this in a country used to winter cold.

On the ice-bound German sea coast, a British Royal Air Force helicopter airlifted a doctor to a British freighter whose captain lay dying of a heart attack. But the doctor arrived too late to help the skipper.

TRAIN DERAILED

A landslide in Italy derailed an express train throwing its engine into the sea. A marooned train in Portugal was finally towed into a station, but thawing snow and floods were reported washing out roadbeds.

Many villages in Italy, northern Spain and Portugal are still isolated by huge snow-drifts.

The flood danger extended from Italy in the south to Finland in the north. An official of the Finnish Hydrographical Institute said that southern Finland faces "exceptionally difficult" flood conditions because the snow cover is twice as deep as usual.

Britain had its warmest day in the last ten, as the temperature soared to 37 degrees (F) at noon.—United Press.



LORD HAILSHAM

LEUKAEMIA
VICTIM
DIES

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 26. Mr. and Mrs. John van Lopik's long, sleepless vigil ended today when the first of their leukaemia-stricken twin daughters died.

The child, Eileen Sue, died peacefully in her sleep, still in the oxygen tent in which she had lived since Wednesday. Her two-year-old identical twin, Kathleen Jo, rested quietly in a nearby playroom, unaware of her sister's death. Doctors gave Kathleen three or four months at most to live. She also suffers from the dread disease which claimed her twin.

The parents of the children had since Wednesday maintained a round-the-clock vigil at Eileen's bedside. They were ordered to rest and to "wait again."

The child's death came as no surprise, although it was not expected so soon following her relatively improved condition yesterday. She went to sleep today and never woke from her nap.—United Press.

SINGAPORE FACING A
POPULATION PROBLEM

Singapore, Feb. 27. Singapore faces a population problem because fertility rates are now extremely high and mortality is low according to a report of a population study group released today.

The report is one of a number written to assist a government-appointed team which last month completed and made public a master plan for Singapore.

The planners forecast that by 1972, Singapore would have a population of two millions, and their recommendations accordingly.

The population study group reported that there was some evidence the fertility of the Chinese had been increasing during the past few decades.

Despite a sharp decline in migration compared with before the Second World War, the Chinese population have risen from 241,000 in 1947 to 380,000 in 1953. It is expected to be about 1,011,000 in 1972.

49 PER 1000

The fertility rate among the Malaysian and Indian communities was also high and the birth rate now stood at "the high figure" of 49 per 1,000 of population, the report said.

At the same time, the death rate was only ten per 1,000. This was due to a combination of factors, of which the high proportion of young people in the population as a whole, and the comparatively high standard of health in Singapore, were the most important.

In recent years, there had been a decline in infant mortality.

"Singapore is developing as a metropolis and in common with large cities in other parts of the world it will almost certainly tend to attract more and more people," the report said.—Reuter.

TRAIN DISASTER
DEATH TOLL

Berlin, Feb. 26.

The death toll had risen to 41 in the train crash at Barmstedt, East Germany, yesterday, the official news agency ADN said here today.

The casualty total in Germany's worst railway disaster since the war was announced yesterday as 32 dead and 40 seriously injured. More than 100 others are believed to have received lesser injuries.

The accident took place when a goods train overshot a signal during fog and ploughed into the side of an express running late on its way from Dresden to Leipzig.—Reuter.

Police Inspector Found Shot Dead

Singapore, Feb. 26.

A Ceylonese police inspector, Ramie Deikani, aged 28, was found dead with a bullet wound in the head today while his wife was having lunch about 15 feet away.

Police recovered a 38 revolver and a spent cartridge close to him.—Reuter.

THIS MEETING
MAY MEAN BIRTH
OF NEW ERA

Washington, Feb. 27.

United States officials are cautiously optimistic that the 12-nation group meeting in Washington today will reach agreement on a charter to create an international atomic energy agency.

Such an agency, proposed by President Eisenhower in 1953, would speed efforts towards sharing the benefits of peaceful application of the atom on a world-wide scale.

Representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, Canada, France, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, India, Australia, Belgium, Portugal and South Africa meet in the State Department today to consider a draft statute proposed for the creation of the agency.

The possibility of a breakdown in negotiations, expected to last about two weeks, lies in the Soviet contention that the agency should be tied closely to the Security Council of the United Nations.

POWER OF VETO
That would mean that the Soviet would have the power of veto over the deliberations of the agency.

Further, the Soviet Union wants the permanent Security Council members to have permanent positions on the proposed atomic agency's board of governors.

Some Western officials look warily at this proposal as it could sometime in the future raise the question of the status of Communist China.

The main task of the conference today will be to consider a draft statute, or charter, put forward by eight countries appointed by the United Nations.

These nations were Britain, South Africa, Portugal, France, Canada, Belgium, Australia and the United States. Much of the early discussion is expected to centre around composition of the proposed 12-nation board of governors of the agency.

INDIA'S DESIRE

The Indian representative is expected to oppose the composition of a board of governors which would not give adequate voting power to the lesser developed nations.

Some 37 countries have commented in detail on the proposed agency charter and another task of the 12-nation group will be to consider these written views.

Despite preliminary differences with the Soviet Union, United States officials tend to be hopeful that the Russians will refrain from any drastic action which would hinder creation of the atomic agency if Soviet proposals do not win through.

The Washington view is that the agency, even if born of compromise, would be well worth the effort of creation.—Reuter.

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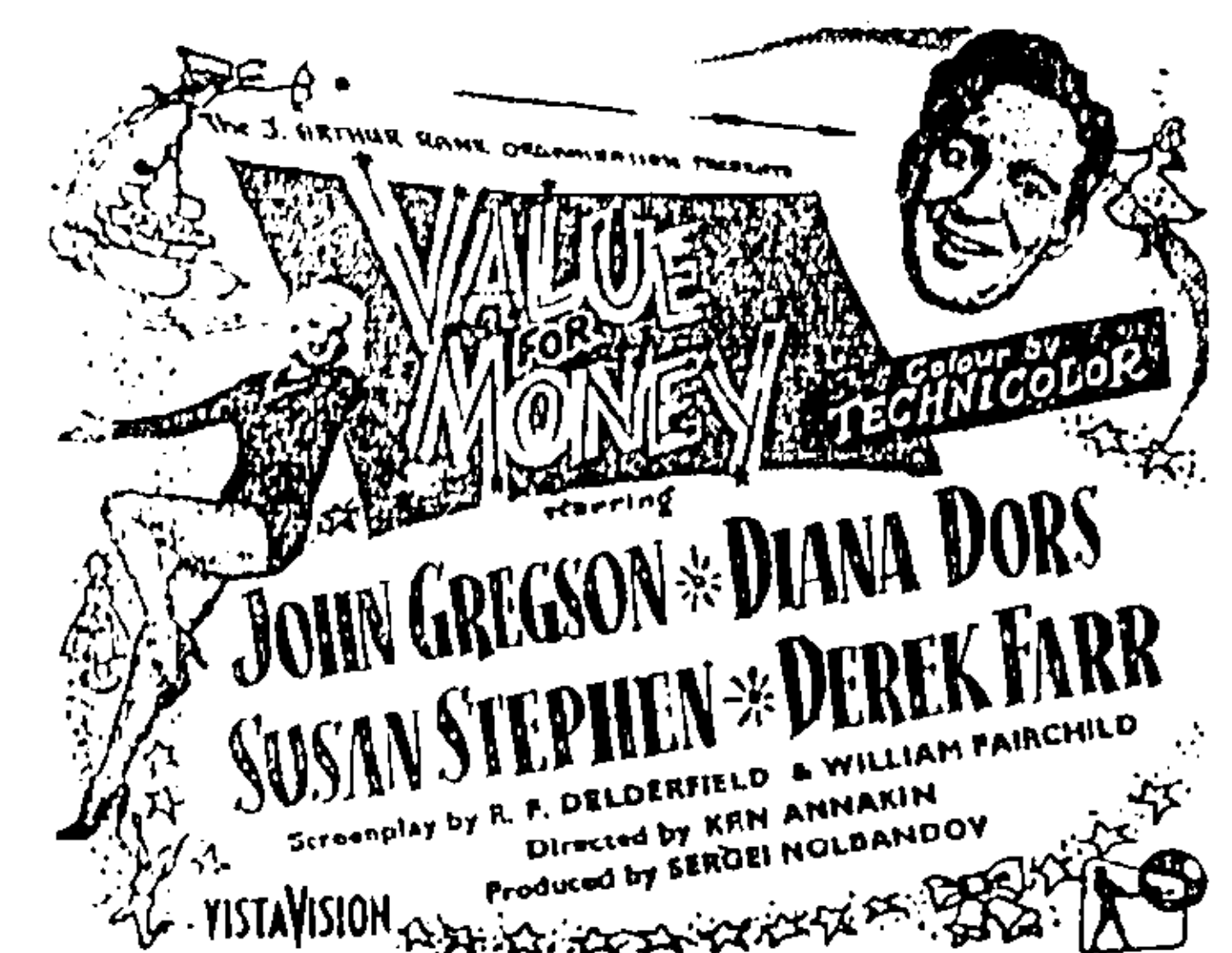


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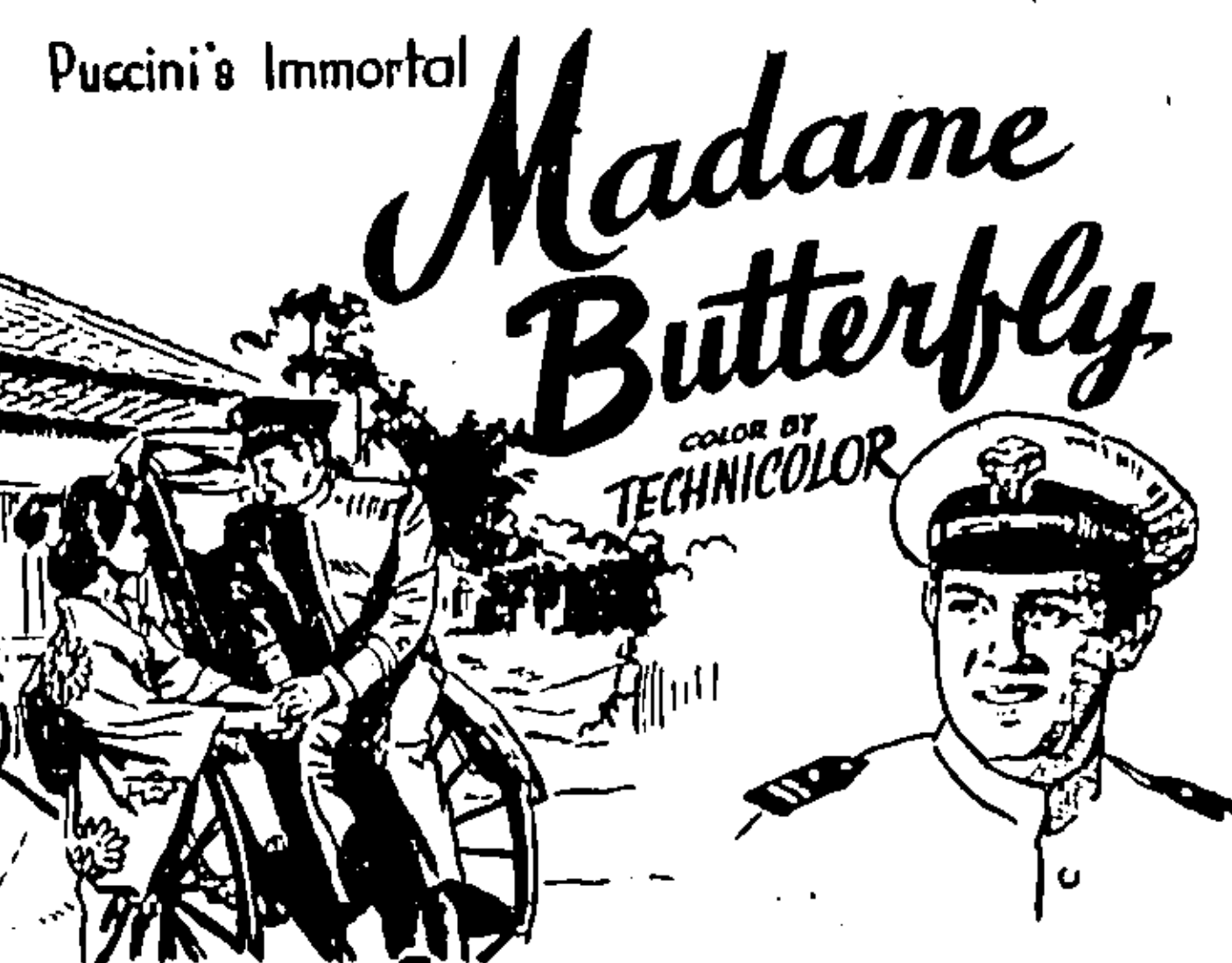
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The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were welcomed by their children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, and by the Queen Mother and Prince Margaret when they landed at London Airport after flying home from their Nigerian tour. The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, and other members of the government were also at the airport. Picture shows the Queen smiling down at Prince Anne as the Duke shakes hands with the Nigerian Commissioner, Rutherford.

New State Capital Was Terror Town

By Frederick Coleman

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 26.

A new state capital, a town which will be a tribute to the ability of the Malayan people to beat Communist terrorism, is being built at Kuantan Pahang, in what was once a sleepy Malayan fishing village.

Here, in an area where once 450 Communist bandits roamed, all food restrictions have been lifted, there is no sign of the military activity, and only three known terrorists still exist.

Kuantan, on Malaya's east coast lives in an atmosphere of peace and prosperity. Its population of 23,000 is growing steadily as more and more public servants move from the old capital of Kuala Lumpur. Rows of shops, administrative buildings, houses and cinemas are being built at the edge of the jungle.

Bitter Struggle

Malay, Chinese and Indian residents have shown that they prefer to help Malaya to develop a democratic form of government peacefully by refusing to co-operate with the Communists. They can now enjoy a normal life in a 'white' (bandit-free) area.

Proof that Kuantan did not lose its Communist without a bitter struggle is found in the small Christian cemetery overlooking the sea. Here are the graves of British police officers and troops of the Hussars who died in ambushes in the grim years of Malaya's 'little war'.

Then, Kuantan district had as bad a reputation as any in Malaya. Europeans carried arms, towns and villages were blocked off and searched, curfews imposed and food restrictions applied.

In Kuantan, community leaders urged their people not to help the Communists, to deny

'Doctors' Shops' In Johannesburg

Johannesburg, Feb. 26. South African chemists appealed to the Minister of Health, Mr. J. P. T. Naudé, to abolish the right of doctors to dispense medicines because many of them are selling pharmaceutical goods which would normally be bought in a chemist's shop.

The chemists allege that in a number of cases doctors are, in effect, "trading without a licence" and in some cases they even sell baby foods.—China Mail Special.

They were based on diplomatic reports covering 1,000 pages, made public by the State Department last night as part of a series published for historical purposes.

Until the signing of the Nazi-Soviet pact, the antagonism between Moscow and Berlin had

made an accord seem an impossibility.

Commenting upon the surprise Moscow-Berlin switch at the time that it happened, US Ambassador to Russia, Steinhardt said in a cable to Secretary of State Cordell Hull that it was his opinion that the Soviet Union desired to benefit from any development arising out of any conflict in Eastern Europe.

True to this prediction, Soviet troops moved in to help carve up Poland after its swift defeat by the German panzer divisions. Curious changes in Communist doctrine—reminiscent of recent Moscow declarations—preceded the agreement with Germany.

In an analysis of Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov's speech before the Supreme Soviet in defence of the pact, the State Department noted these features:

★ 1. At no place in the speech is the familiar Soviet propaganda slogan of world revolution or the world proletariat mentioned. In fact, Molotov says, "It is really difficult to understand that the USSR is pursuing and will continue to pursue its own interests of the people... of the USSR and only their interests."

Beginning To Wonder

"One is beginning to wonder," the State Department remarked, "if Stalin is really fulfilling Trotsky's prophecies in deserting the world revolutionary movement."

★ 2. That Great Britain and France rather than Germany are now considered as the instigators of a general European war.

★ 3. That Molotov's failure in referring to Stalin's speech of last March to refer to Stalin's point that the Soviet government intended to assist the victims of the aggression may or may not have significance.

Mr. Molotov's embarrassment when questioned about the non-aggression treaty by Sir William Steeds, British Ambassador to Moscow, was transcribed in another American dispatch to the Department.

"The Ambassador observed that there was more than one form of non-aggression treaty and inquired if the one now proposed was designed to allow the Soviet government to continue the policy which the British government had always considered to be Russian policy, that was, the protection of victims of aggression, and he asked if it would mean that Russia would stand by and allow Poland to be overrun."

"Molotov showed his dislike of this questioning and said only that the British must wait and see how things worked out."—United Press.

Leisurely Trip Around World

Van Nuys, Calif. Feb. 26.

Miss Jan Wood and her dog Cindy took off from here today in a single-engine aircraft on a leisurely 30,000-mile sight-seeing world tour.

Miss Wood, 34-year-old skier and swimmer, plans to come down at four United States airports, and then ship her aircraft by boat to Rotterdam, Holland.

From there, in city stages, she will fly through Europe, Africa, the Middle East, India, Southeast Asia, Australia and after another transoceanic shipment—south and Central America.

Miss Wood, a physical education teacher in a secondary school here, was the first woman to fly alone into the Arctic area, two years ago. She plans to visit in Switzerland and also drive off the shores of North Africa. Cindy, a German shepherd, has logged almost as many thousands of miles as Miss Wood.—Reuter.

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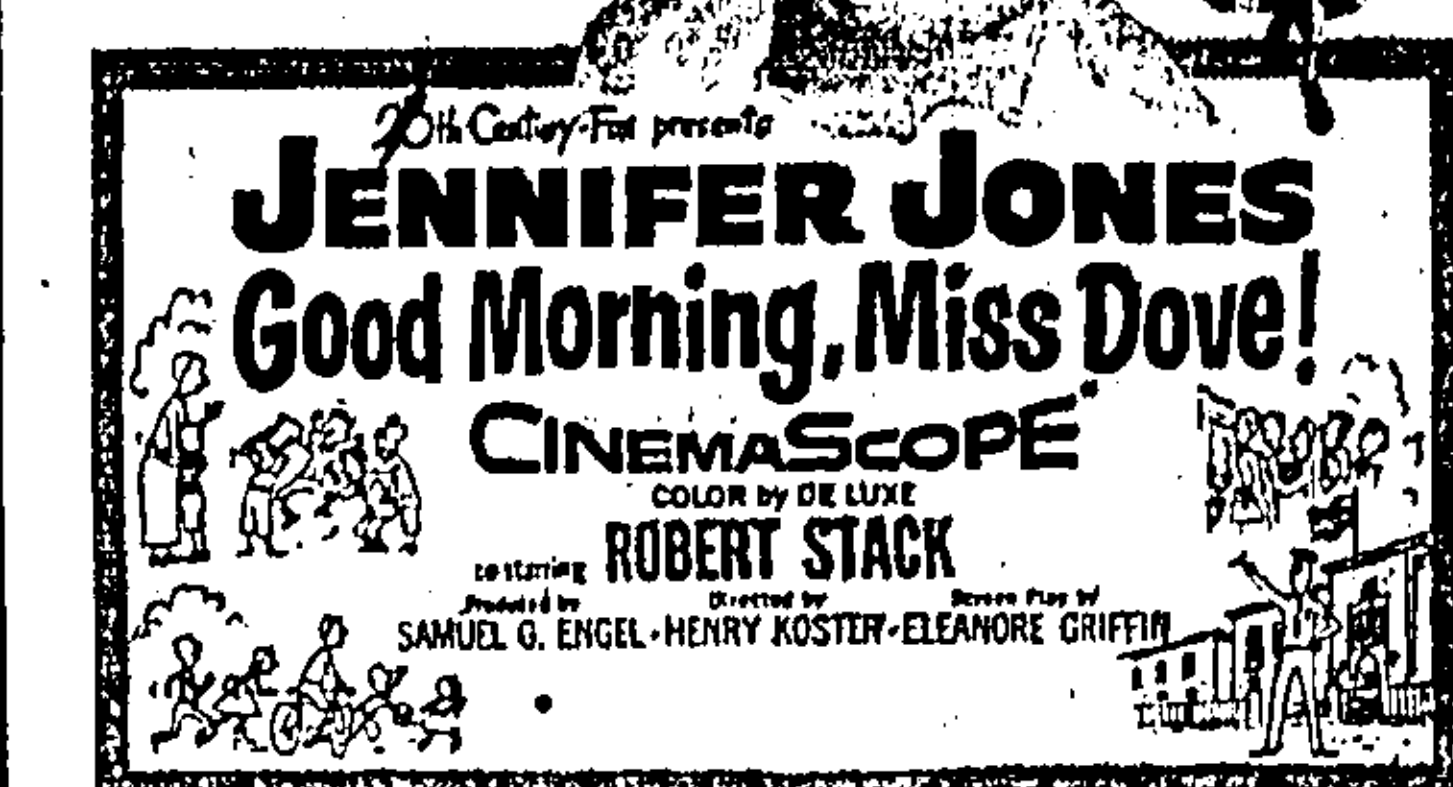
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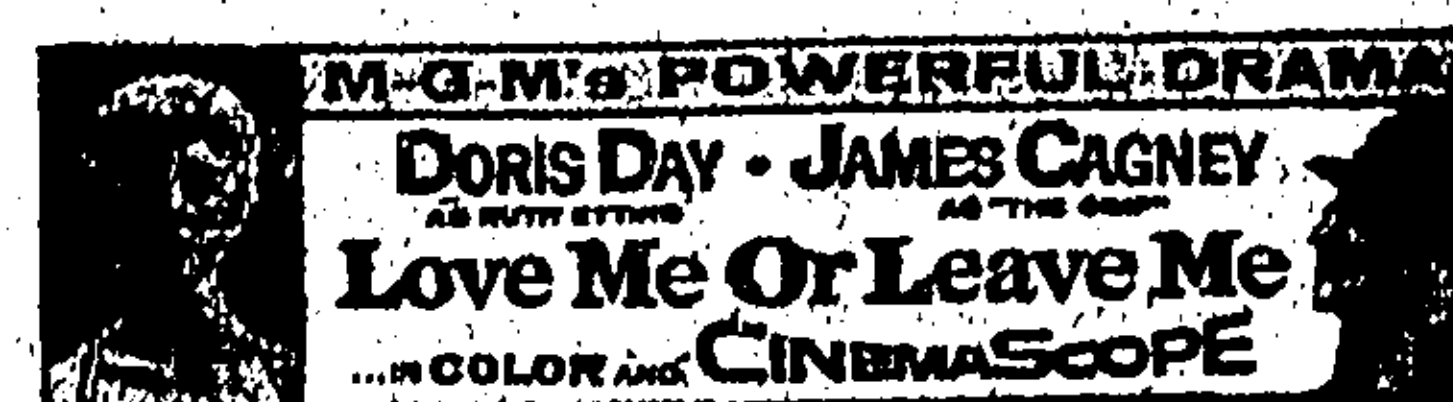


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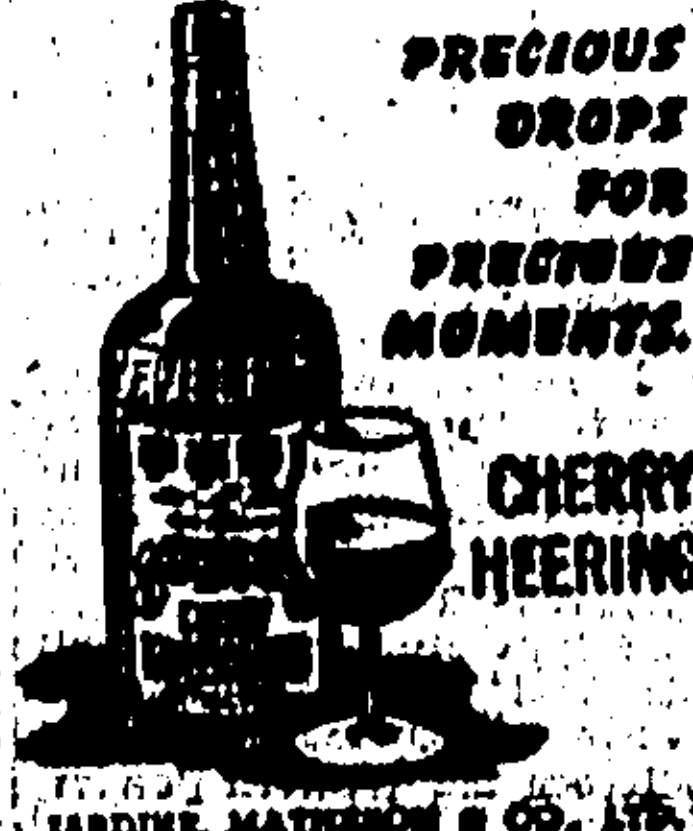
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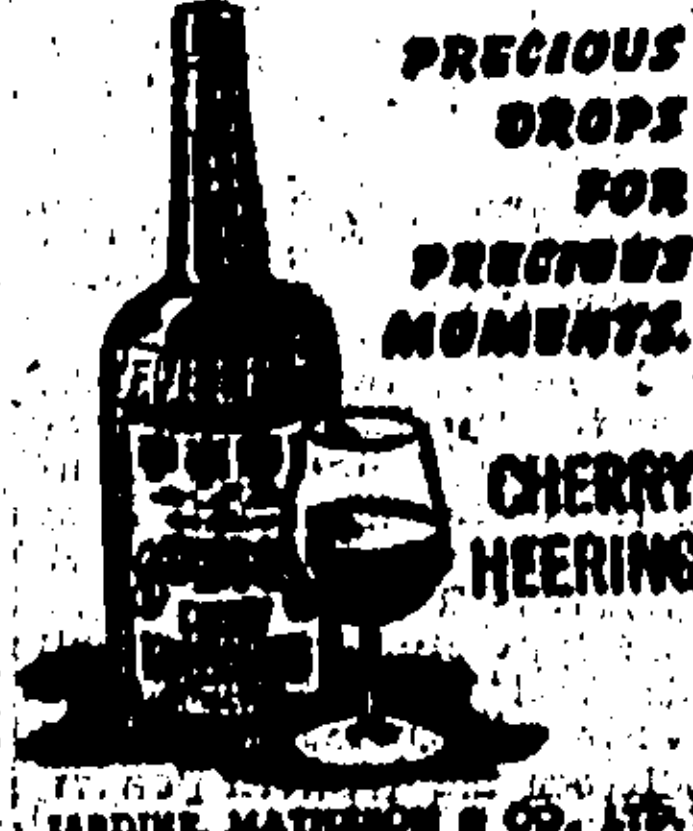
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Russians Selecting The Inner Cabinet

Antarctic Expedition Sends First Message

London, Feb. 26. The main transmitter of the Royal Society's Antarctic expedition in Coats Land has commenced operations. It was announced here tonight.

The Royal Society said the first message reported that one-quarter of the headquarters had been erected and the party were living inside it.

The message added that the work of the expedition was being hampered by frequent blizzards but all members of the party were well.

The expedition, under Surgeon Lieutenant Commander David Dalgleish of the Royal Navy, is preparing for scientific observations to be made in the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year.

The expedition, an advance party for a larger group, left Southampton on November 22 in the 540-ton motor vessel, *Tutankhamun*, after making the world's "Italo Home" to try to pick up their messages.—Reuter.

SOVIET SHIPS TRAPPED

London, Feb. 26. The Soviet Antarctic expedition ships *Oy* and *Leta* are trapped in ice some distance from Mirny base, and two Russian helicopters have evacuated their crews and scientists to the base, Moscow radio said today.

The radio, broadcasting a report from a correspondent with the expedition, said construction work at Mirny had been speeded up because of an improvement in the weather.

Eighteen Arctic-type houses had been nearly assembled, with heating installed and wiring completed.

Central heating had been turned on in four houses.

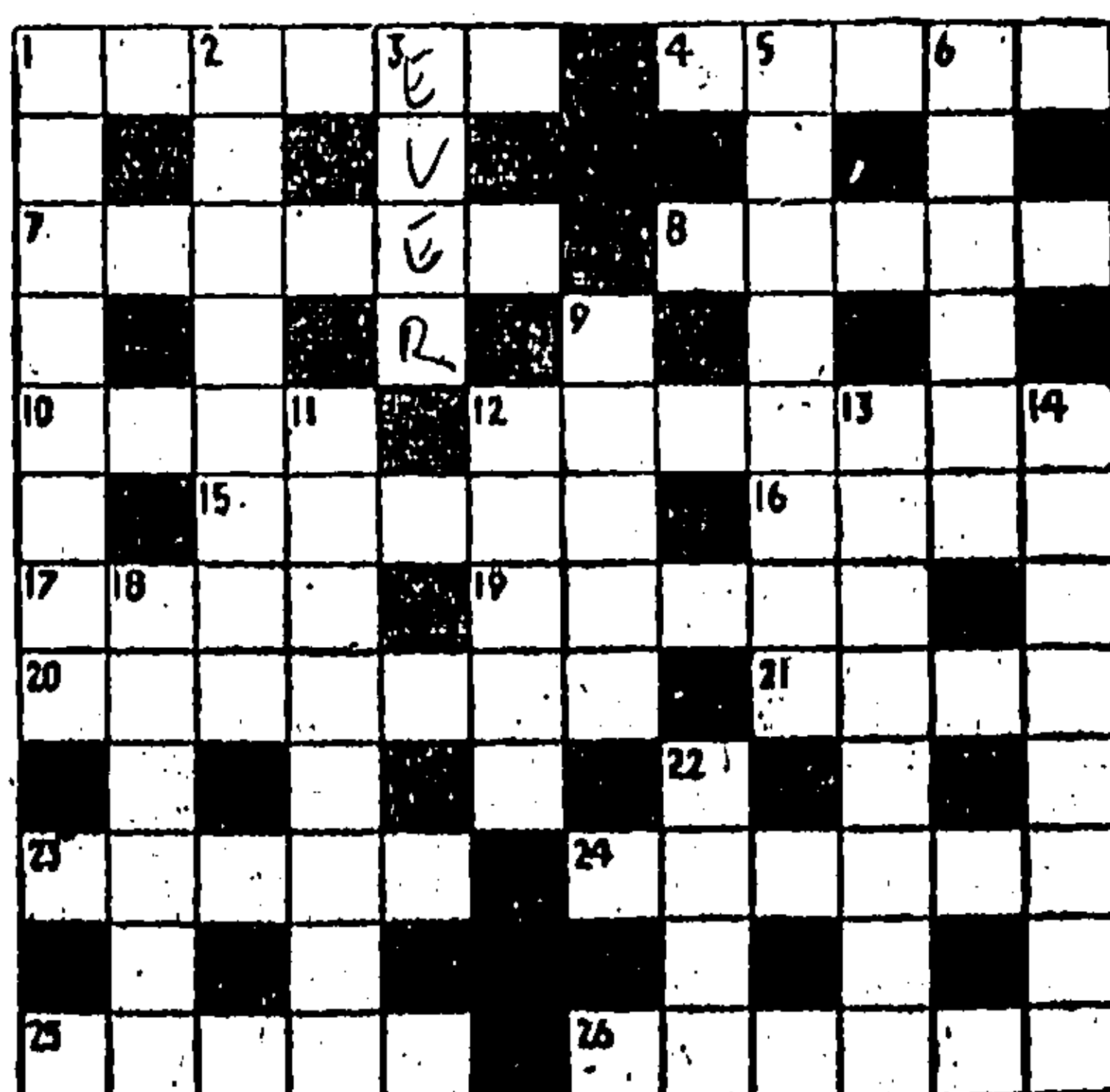
A metal frame for a power house was almost ready, and the three main diesel engines had been hoisted into position with the aid of a trolley-mounted crane.

The radio said that four aeroplanes of transmitting stations had been rigged up to ensure radio contact with Moscow.—Reuter.

Gronchi Visiting United States

Rome, Feb. 26. Italian President Giovanni Gronchi left Rome by plane tonight for the United States on an official visit.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Molly-coddle (6)
4 Worn-out horse (5)
7 In fact (5)
8 Tail off (5)
10 Hews (4)
12 Concoct (7)
15 Horrify (5)
16 Entirely (4)
17 Over-satisfy (4)
19 Dances (5)
20 Slim (7)
21 Oriental ruler (4)
23 Danger (5)
24 Gap (5)
25 Margin (5)
26 Reliable (6)

DOWN
1 Royal lady (8)
2 Miso (8)
3 Always (4)
5 Break down (8)
6 Freedom of access (5)
9 Tooth (5)
11 Consuming (8)
12 Rescues (5)
13 Plant (8)
14 Church room (8)
18 Avar (6)
22 Column (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Sparkles, 8 Astute, 9 Resolute, 11 Prepared, 12 Aged, 13 Strip, 16 Soars, 19 Anon, 22 Discreet, 24 Incline, 25 Letter, 26 Concoct. Down: 1 Damps, 2 Sleep, 3 Strife, 4 Peer, 5 Hood, 6 Lounge, 7 Speedy, 10 Scold, 14 Robin, 15 Presses, 16 Maniac, 17 Trench, 20 Acute, 21 Wasp, 23 Dice, 25 Sell.

PLEDGED TO RUNNING COUNTRY ON LENIN LINES

By Sidney Weiland

Moscow, Feb. 26.

The Soviet Communist Party's 133-member Central Committee today prepared to select an "inner cabinet" with virtually complete power to rule Russia.

The new committee, announced yesterday, will meet in the next few days, and perhaps later today, to select the Presidium which will control domestic and foreign policy.

They are pledged after the 20th party congress, which ended yesterday, to run the country on the basis of the collective leadership pronounced by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the party secretary.

Mr. Khrushchev, whose power has been vastly strengthened by this congress, will certainly remain "first among equals" in the collective leadership.

Election of the Presidium by the Central Committee is believed to involve free discussion and to be the closest Russia has come to election roughly on Western democratic lines. It is a closed session.

The Presidium is now pledged to call meetings of the Central Committee at least twice each year to discuss all policy questions.

Denounced

At other times, the Presidium assumes complete control of the country and issues orders to the government. Most top government leaders, including Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Prime Minister, are members of the present Presidium.

The new Central Committee has been expanded from 125 to 133 members. But observers said the absence of a group of provincial "party bosses" might point to the growing power of Mr. Khrushchev.

The congress itself denounced the rigid regime of Stalin's era in favour of collective leadership. Delegates ended their 11-day congress with shouts of "Long live Leninism."

Before dispersing, the 1,436 delegates also approved directives for the new five-year plan to 1960 and called for a new Communist Party programme in time for the next congress—four years' time.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the Central Committee was charged with preparing a programme "proceeding from the fundamental principles of Marxist-Leninist theory."

Western observers believed that the present 11-member Presidium might be enlarged to bring in some of Russia's younger generation of "technocrats."

Strongly Tipped

Following Mr. Khrushchev's declared aim to bring more women into public affairs, observers have strongly tipped Mrs. Ekaterina Furtseva for promotion—perhaps to the Presidium. She is at present first secretary of the Moscow city party organisation—a post at one time held by Mr. Khrushchev.

Observers also noted the reduction of military leaders on the new Central Committee. This indicated that the army was not as an important power as once believed, though Marshal Georgi Zhukov, the Defence Minister, continues to hold a position very close to the top leaders.

Observers also noted the injection into the committee of "technocrats" as well as a large influx of Ukrainians. Mr. Khrushchev was for many years associated with the Ukraine.

Purges Passed

Observers also noted a marked reduction of MVD and security police representation on the Central Committee. This is in line with Mr. Khrushchev's attempt to persuade Russians that the days of purges have passed.

Mr. Khrushchev appears to have surrounded himself with a group of trusted subordinates who will direct the declared policy of catching up with the West economically and at the same time improving living standards at home.

Consumer Priority

A number of party officials who were prominent when Mr. Georgi Malenkov, now a deputy Premier, was Prime Minister, have gone from the committee. Mr. Malenkov was associated with the policy—since repudiated—of priority for the production of consumer goods.—Reuter.

Troops Close In On Brazil Rebel

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 26.

The Brazilian Air Force revealed today it believes rebel Maj. Hayolito Veloso will make his first armed resistance against government troops which are now pursuing him.

Ground troops are now en route to Jansenhangue by boat on the Tapajós River, the shortest route from Itazuba. The Air Force admitted there is a good chance Veloso will attack the two boats since he has two stolen Air Force planes and a supply of bombs.

Longer Route

If Veloso does attack the boats, the land force will retreat to Itazuba and move to Jansenhangue via land, the spokesman said.

It would be a much longer route through the dense jungle but has the advantage of being less vulnerable to air attack. An Air Force official disavowed the campaign would not estimate the length of such an overland trip, but said that there would be a determined assault on the rebels.

The aim of the government force was not revealed.—United Press.



The Maharajah of Rajpala studies himself in a mirror during a party given by him in London to celebrate the successful dental and facial operation performed upon him by London dentist Mr. Allister MacDonald and surgeon Sir Archibald McIndoe. The 23-year-old Maharajah came to London with a cleft palate and face disfigured as the result of a riding accident. Now his features are normal again.—Express Photo.

Mooning Moose Upset Alaska Train Schedules

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 26.

One of the major problems of winter in this far northern land is how to keep the railways running in temperatures which demand such strange devices as heaters to keep refrigerator cars warmer than the outside air.

The sleek diesel-powered streamline engines of the Alaska railroad which haul passengers and freight daily over some 470 miles from the ice-free Pacific ports of Seward and Whittier to the permafrost areas of the Yukon valley and Alaska, meet a wide variety of climatic conditions on each trip.

One spokesman of the railway summed it up like this: "Seward has a climatic condition similar to Boston; Anchorage one similar to St. Paul, Minnesota; and Fairbanks one which cannot be compared with anywhere else."

Partial Thaw

In the mountain areas, the tracks are under 15 or more feet of snow during an average and heavy snowfalls pushed by two engines have to be kept in constant use from December to April to clear the way, even then, slight wind storms soon fill up the deep trench made by the snowploughs and block the way to the trains.

If a warm spell happens to cause a partial thaw which loosens the snow on the mountains, and avalanches bury the railway line below.

On the southern end of the line, "silver thaws," caused by warm air drifting in from the Pacific Ocean, raises another problem. As this thin layer of warm air, it falls in globules of liquid ice which immediately adhere to anything they touch.

The railway's telephone and telegraph wires then get so loaded with ice that the supporting cross-arms and poles break. Miles of line have been wrecked on numerous occasions by such icing of the wires, even though double and triple the normal number of poles have been put up.

Winter Problem

Even tunnels constitute a problem in winter. Water dripping from the roof and oozing from the sides of the tunnels builds up into huge icicles and wall deposits of ice. To solve this problem each end of the tunnel has to be equipped with huge doors and a steam heating plant. Watchmen and steam plant operators have to be on duty day and night to open doors for passing trains and to keep up the steam in the heating plants to warm the tunnels.

Alaska's wildlife, and particularly its abundant moose, constitutes an even bigger problem for the railway authorities. The moose, some of them weighing up to 1,200 pounds, find it difficult to move through deep snow—so they take to the cleared railway tracks to make travelling easier.

The railway's difficulties arise because the moose refuse to leave the track when trains approach.

Various measures have been tried to get rid of this trouble, so far without success. Fences were erected in some places, but the moose walked right through them.

A special type of locomotive whistle was tried to scare the moose. The moose, however, is

got even thicker, leading one wit to suggest that they thought the whistle was a mating call. At present, the moose and the railway authorities have an uneasy truce. In daylight hours, the trains "nudge" the moose along until, in desperation, they get off the tracks. During the night, when the train crews cannot see the moose, the animals give battle.

During the short summer months when the railway authorities can battle against the elements, hundreds of tourists travel in comfortable passenger trains between Fairbanks and the coast.

Unique Scenery

In spite of air-conditioned coaches and unique scenery which includes glimpses of North America's highest mountains, they often get impatient with the streamliner "Aurora" which takes some 12 hours to cover less than 600 miles. Knowing nothing of the special problems which beset this railway for more than half the year, they can hardly be expected to realise what difficulties this Alaska railway has already overcome and what problems it must be geared to meet.

In the early days of this century numerous attempts were made to link the then-booming gold camp of Alaska's Yukon valley with the territory's Pacific ports. Most of the attempts never got much beyond the stock-selling stage. The few miles of track which were actually laid rusted away from disuse because of extremely high construction costs complicated by burdensome federal railway taxes.

But such a railway was essential to any future development of Alaska. Only rough trails wandered through the territory's wilderness and the residents in the interior depended for supplies and transport on lengthy river trips or the faithful, but equally slow, dog team.

Virtual Standstill

Started eventually in 1915, the railway was completed only in part. It would be an extremely difficult task even today with modern methods and the latest machinery.

Tracks had to be built across swamps and permafrost areas, where no solid foundation could be reached. Wide glacial rivers had to be bridged and a pass found through the towering peaks of Alaska's mountain range, work came to a virtual standstill during the long winter months when some sections of the railway experience temperatures as low as 60 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (about 51 degrees Centigrade).—China Mail Special.

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THIS is the aspirin age, the age of realism and Marilyn Monroe, when mysterious, sensible actresses queue for buses and wear glasses, and no one has the time or inclination to drink champagne out of Windmill girls' slippers. Things are serious; poets (who have all abandoned opium and debauchery) have a tendency to look like bank officials, and sometimes actually are, and women novelists are more likely to be university dons than figures of intrinsic glamour.

Literary lions of the Byron, Rupert Brooke and Elinor Glyn type, who looked as romantic as their lives and occupations, are as dead as the dodo. The current image of the writer approximates more to Mr. J. B. Priestley, and when success adds a handful of pounds to Sandy Wilson's income, the wildest, most reckless action he takes is to buy draught-proofing strips for his doors.

Remarkable

HURRAY, then, for two not-yet-as-well-known faces that manage to look special, and remarkable, and very out-of-the-ordinary. A young novelist and a young poet, neither of them in the least drab, neither in the remotest danger of being taken for a bank official, are now on the way up.

Elizabeth Jane Howard is the novelist. In her very early 30s, she looks good enough to model—and has done so for the shiniest of the shiny magazines. Her mother was once with Diaghilev's company, and the choreographer Andree Howard is her cousin.

A tall, dark girl with bright eyes, she looks like a watchful,

In an age when poets tend to look like bank officials **AMANDA MARSHALL** finds two up-and-coming faces that succeed

in looking different...

wide-awake, elegant bird—a fact which just might have struck her ex-husband, the painter and bird expert Peter Scott. She has a daughter of 13, and has at one time or another accomplished a variety of jobs, including a little acting. Now she lives in a flat in London's Little Venice, and is a part-time reader for a publishing firm.

Natural gifts

As a writer, she is a slow worker, and as a hostess she has great natural gifts (including a curiosity about humanity, and a talent for making such classics as lemon meringue pie) which she likes to keep exercised. These two facts account for the widely spaced interval between her first novel, "The Beautiful View," and her second, "The Long View," which is due out next month.

In spite of elegant, very contemporary clothes, there is something about her which makes one think of an age when women were more treasured, more expressly "womanly" than they can be now.

Her first book displayed an uncanny knowledge of the 1914-18 war period, well before she was born. Uncanny in some ways she is—with an uneasy talent for table turning, and a predilection for writing disturbing ghost stories, some of which appeared in a volume called "We Are For The Dark." "The Long View" tells the inside story of a marriage, and tells it backwards, starting with its heroine middle-aged today, and working back over the years to the moment when she first sees her future husband at a party.

Miss Howard's writing is sensitive in the best sense of a word that is immediately suspect when applied to the works of lady novelists, and the light she trains on women and their emotional relationships is a trifle less ferocious than but no less revealing than the battery of an operating theatre. My second in the Handsome in Spite of Being Clever bracket is William Merwin, an American poet still in his twenties, honoured in his own country and rapidly gaining recognition here for broadcasts of his poems and play-translations. Mr Merwin left America for Europe and after an itinerant spell as tutor—his charges included Robert Graves's children in Malaya—is now settled, with his English wife, a Siamese cat, and a comfortable, well-proportioned house within roaring distance of the Regent's Park lions.

First play

HIS first play, "Darkling Child," has just opened at the Arts, with a new young actress, Margaret Whiting, and witcheat in the plot. There is nothing either academic or willow about Mr Merwin's exterior. A brawny-built boy, he looks like a useful member of a Poets' Rigger XV. If such a thing could be imagined.

Curiously at odds with this impressive frame is a face rather reminiscent of those beautiful and slightly sinister young men who look out from the blue skies of Elizabethan miniatures, and often started the day by composing a sonnet and killing a man before breakfast. With this pleasingly

traditional appearance, Mr Merwin combines a strictly contemporary respect for life's comforts, such as good cooking, warm rooms, modern painting, old and beautiful cars, and holidays abroad. Staring in garrets is a fashion for poets that is no longer chic. The only concession he makes to the traditions of his profession is to wear clothes that fall a little short of Tailor and Cutter

ideals—but more, I suspect, for comfort's sake than art's. Mr Merwin takes his craft and his career seriously; has a book of poems about to be published in England; and is working long, disciplined hours at another play and an autobiography. This may be an age for stock-brokers rather than poets, but I would back him as Poet Most Likely to Succeed of his generation.

THE MAESTRO GOES TO SCHOOL AGAIN

...to learn the double-bass

DAME MYRA HESS London. odd. On the Epstein bust of her, in the vestibule of the Royal Academy of Music, some one had irreverently draped a black beret.

But was almost odder to enter the study of the Academy's new Principal, Dr Thomas Armstrong, and discover a barrel-organ in a corner and double-bass in another.

The barrel-organ—not the jangly instrument properly called a street-piano, but a genuine miniature pipe-organ mechanically operated—is not working. The double-bass is fully in use. For Dr Armstrong, supreme musical authority to his 727 picked students, is a beginner on the double-bass and is taking lessons from one of his own students of earnest endeavour is typical of Thomas Armstrong, MA, D. Mus.

By ARTHUR JACOBS F. R. C. M. In his new post which carries the virtual certainty of knighthood, he insists that he is "just learning the job."

He is 57, about the normal age for such high office in field of academic simplicity, of "devoting the remaining 10 years or so of my professional life to helping these deserving young people." But there is no compulsory retiring age.

Who are his students? About two-thirds are girls. About half are pianists. About one in 12 come from overseas (almost entirely from the Commonwealth). About five-eighths have their fees—25 guineas a term—paid by grants or scholarships. The average period of study is three years. Part-time students are not accepted.

The Principal cannot hope to know them all intimately. But "my wife is asking all the freshmen to tea in turn. That means more than 200 a year." More officially, students encounter the Principal interviews and as a conductor, he has modestly taken over the least expert of the Academy's three orchestras.

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Some decades ago, under three successive Scottish principals, the Academy was dubbed the Macadam of Music. There is no chance that under Armstrong it will become the Strong/Arm Academy. For the new Principal—tall, portly, mild of speech and look—radiates gentle moral persuasion.

A musical missionary, he talks of musical activity as "other might of social welfare. Amid today's cynicism, such an attitude is heartening. It won him devotion at Oxford, which he has just left after more than 30 years as cathedral organist, university lecturer, and choral and orchestral conductor.

But do a missionary's qualifications fit his new job, in the thick of the hard-boiled professionalism of London music? Abroad, such posts go to leading composers or other men in the musical public eye. I asked Sir Arthur Bliss why men of his rank shunned "ecclesiastical positions in Britain." "Because," replied the Master of the Queen's Music, "ninety per cent of the job consists of telling gifted, but not quite got what is needed."

Dr Armstrong's comment on this was: "Decisions of that sort involve the happiness of thousands of young people and

their parents and it would be a bold man who would say that such activity isn't worth while." Parents will indeed warm to the Doctor's bedside manner. But his other qualities will be needed to solve certain severely technical problems. I name two:

● The Case of the Missing Harpsichord. A revolution has overtaken concert life in the past few years. If you want to play Bach, Purcell and their contemporaries you must not use a piano but the instrument these composers themselves knew—the harpsichord. Many students appreciate the new demand and would like training. Where then is the Academy's harpsichord? You cannot see it. There isn't one.

● The Great Operatic Voice Mystery. Where are Britain's singers? The opera-houses, at present buoyed up on a vocal flood of (Oxon), Australian, Hon. RAM, to know.

The success of the Opera School, recently founded by singers Joan Cross and Anne Wood, seems to indicate that specialised opera training at the older music schools is inadequate.

Dr Armstrong, although aware of these problems, refuses to pose brandishing a new broom. I suspect that—as a product of the rival institution, the Royal College of Music in South Kensington—he has a gentlemanly over-anxiety not to wound susceptibilities at his new home in Marylebone Road. It is literally his home, for his official flat opens into the Academy.

I should like to know, though, what thoughts and plans enter his mind with the solitary and doubtless soothing music of his sole doubt-buster. Will he, by the way, play the instrument in one of the Academy orchestras?

"I fear I shall not be good enough," says the modest, missionary-minded, diplomatic Dr Armstrong.

MUSICAL TANGLE IN THE DARK CONTINENT

From ERIC KENNEDY

A CRAZE for "European" music has gripped Africans in the Belgian Congo.

It all began when local servants went back to their villages to tell of the music they heard coming from radiograms in European clubs and homes.

Requests poured in for the Congo Radio to play European records on its native programmes—diffused over loud-speakers in the larger native townships.

Communities raised their own funds to buy second-hand gramophones. The prices of second-hand European records soared. Then an astute businessman in Leopoldville had a plan. He recruited African musicians and

vocalists to record "European" music. He turned out discs costing only a fraction of the price of second-hand European records. At the same time he sold cheap Japanese gramophones.

His scheme was a success. Two rival Congo firms followed suit.

This "composer" whose name is on the label, did not really compose a note. He was invariably the vocalist with the orchestra, which usually consisted of a guitar, a set of drums or an empty bottle and something to tap it with.

He thought up impromptu numbers, which were always played in "European" tempo, whether trotter, tangos, quick-steps, or down-to-earth boogie-woogie.

To boost sales, the recording companies placed radiograms free of charge in African bars. "Composers" were sent to make

frequent personal appearances to encourage customers to buy their discs.

Also, "composers" were sent to touring villages with loud-speaker vans and a stock of records for sale.

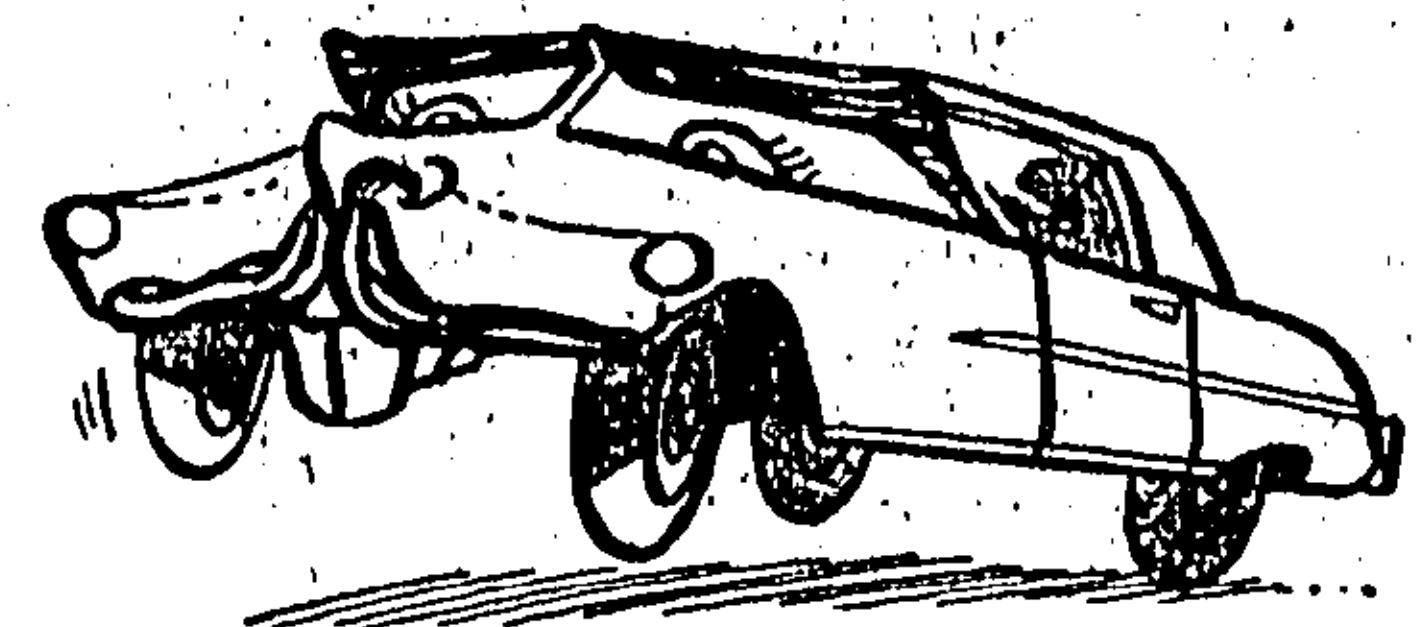
Now the trouble is that an even more astute businessman in the colony has formed a Performing Rights Society to protect their interests.

The recording companies, of course, have a reply ready: "No performing rights—we pay each composer a salary."

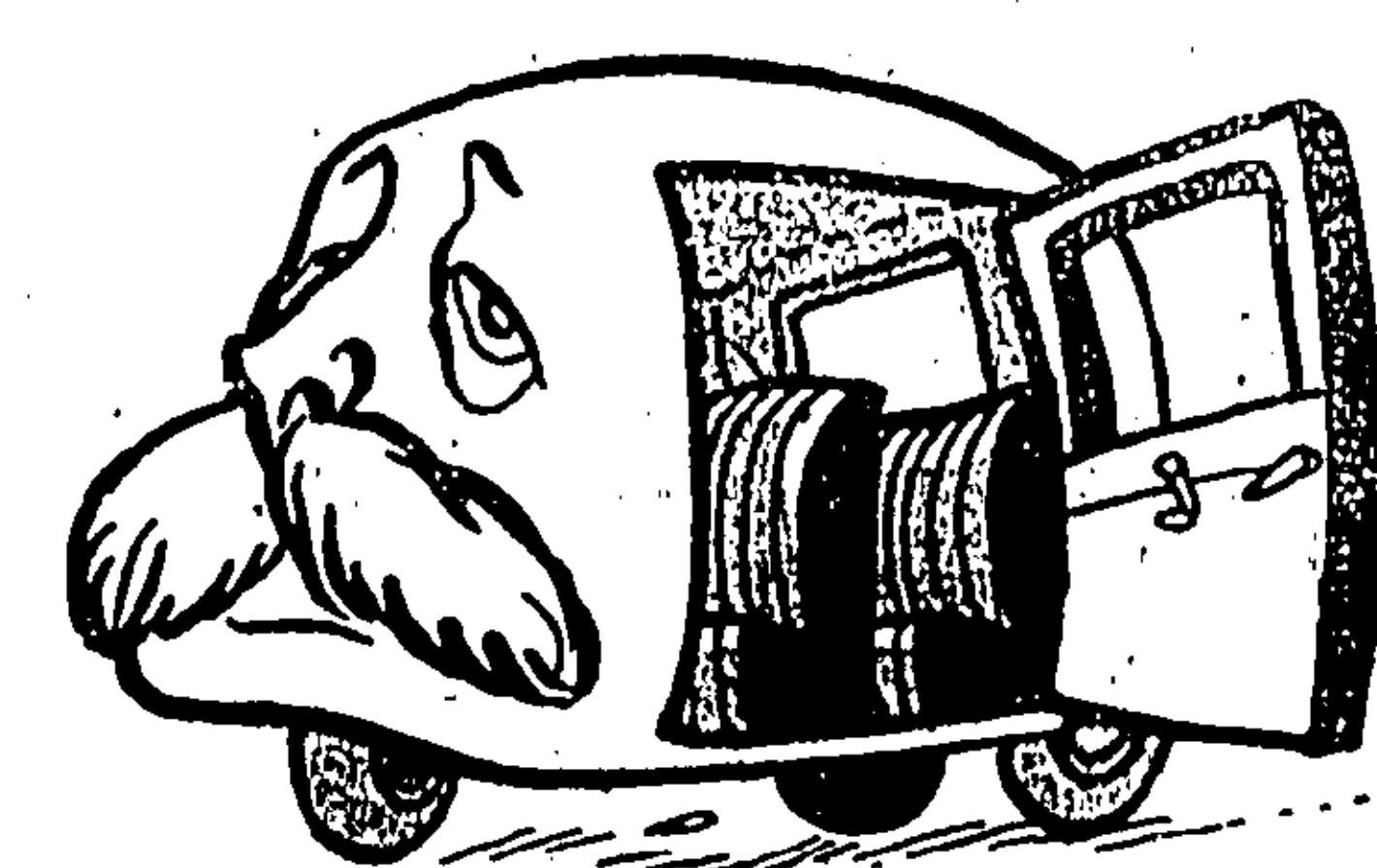
And the "composers" are adding complications of their own. They signed a few contracts on the side.

Glad to receive a salary, they are even happier at the thought of getting extra money for no additional work.

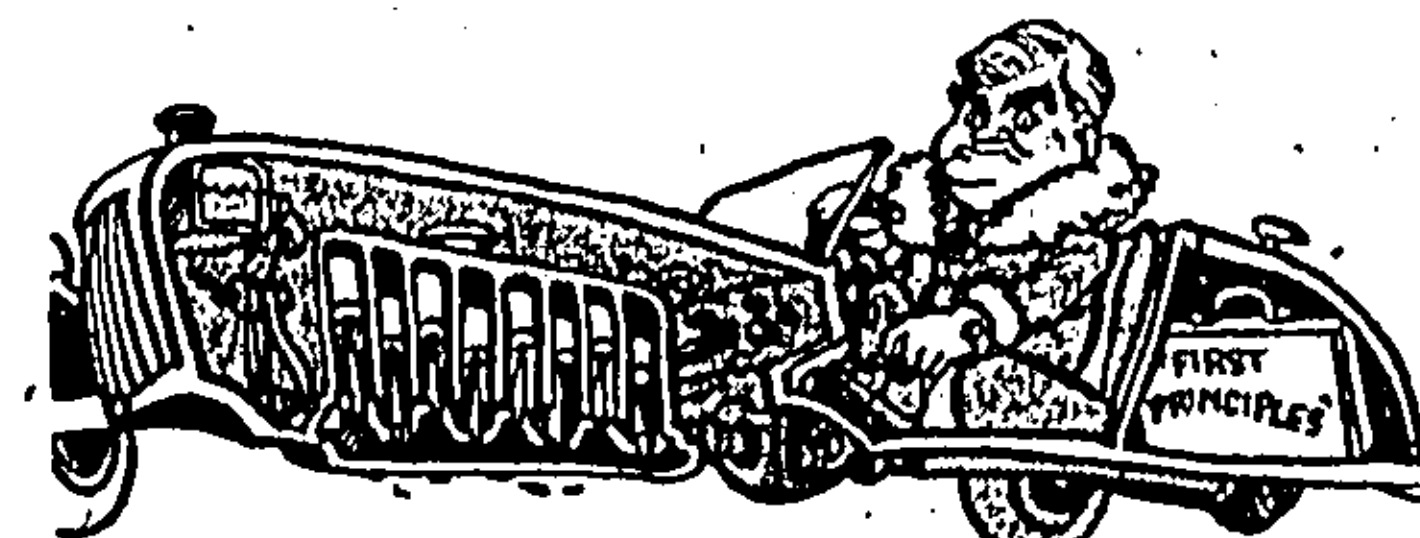
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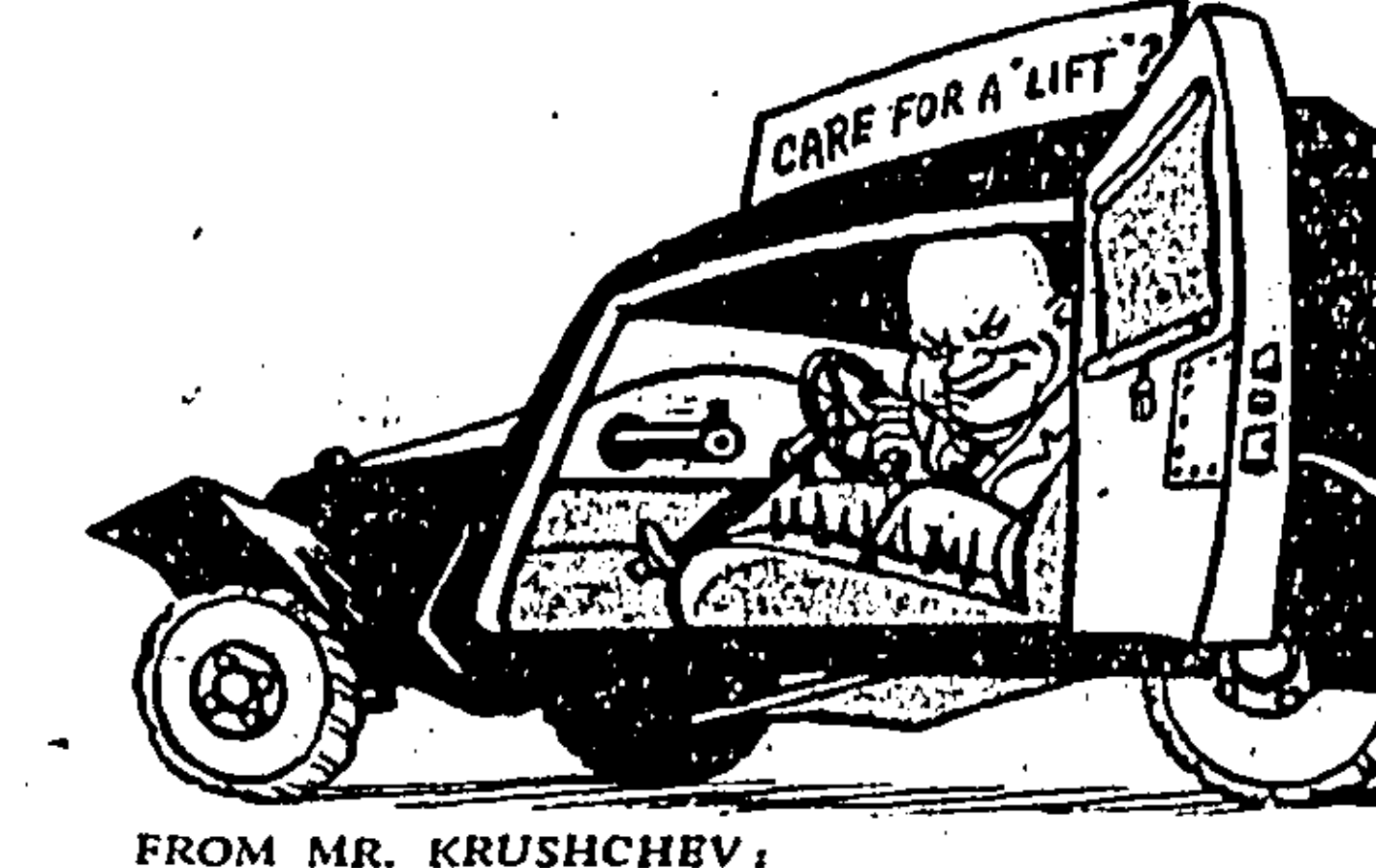
FROM SIR ANTHONY: The Cliche Tourer (For exploring every avenue, reaching the light at the end of the tunnel, leaving no stone unturned, and turning the corner.)



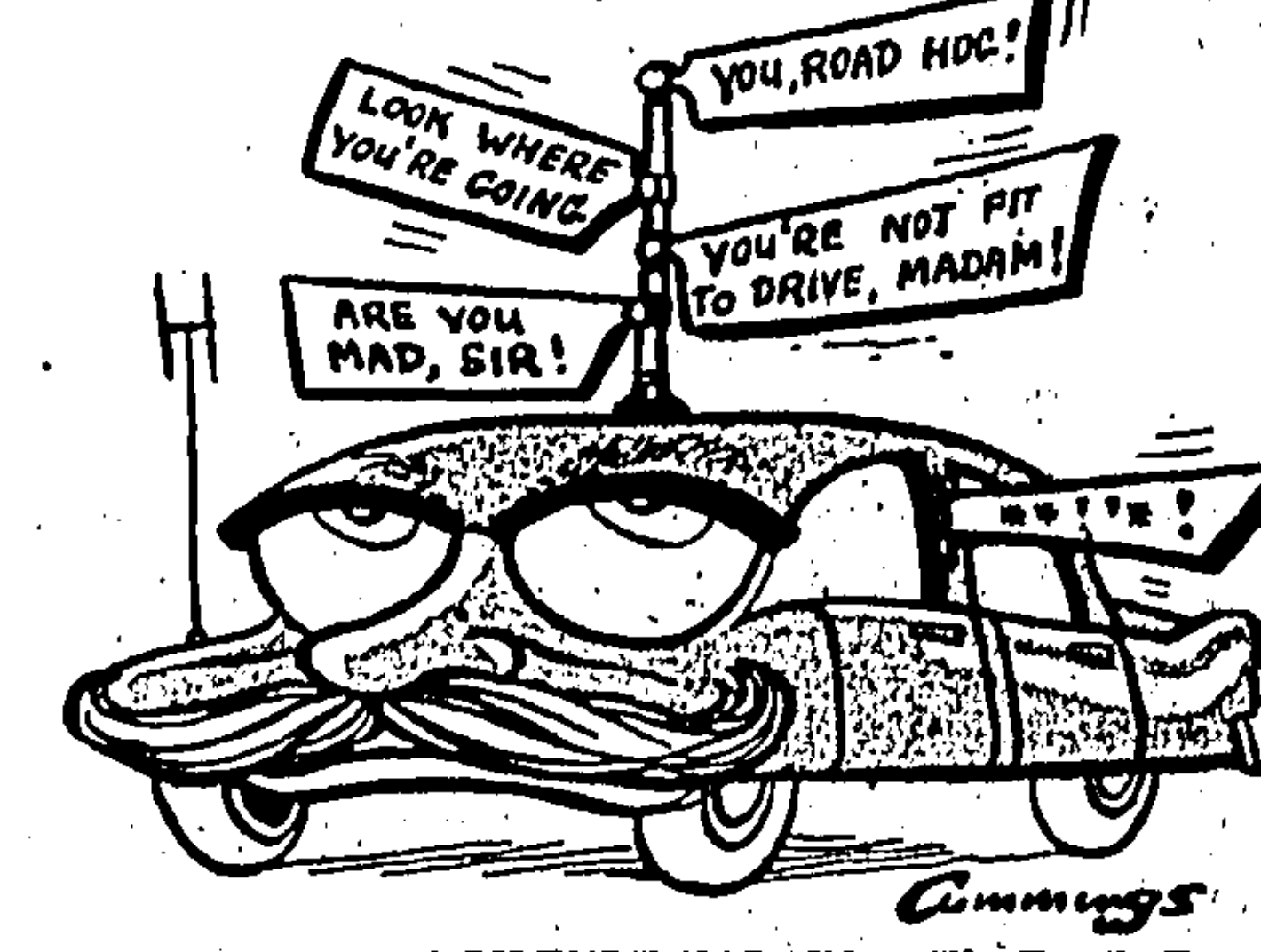
FROM THE CHANCELLOR: The Platitude 3-Wheeler (With room only for people with tightened belts who have not dined on over ripe pheasant or the national cake.)



FROM MR. BEVAN: The Split Straight Eight (With capacious boot for old luggage.)



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IN CANADA: DRUGS ON THE RAMPAGE

By McKenzie Porter.

DOCTORS, police chiefs and politicians in Western Canada are reaching the conclusion that new legislation is imperative if an alarming epidemic of drug addiction is to be checked.

Since the end of the war the number of addicts in this country of 16,000,000 people has risen from fewer than 2,000 to more than 5,000. The gravity of this figure becomes apparent when it is remembered that in some countries (Britain for one) with more than 50,000,000 people, the drug addicts can be counted in hundreds.

Three thousand of Canada's drug habitues infest a square mile of dilapidated wooden rooming houses on the fringe of Vancouver's Chinatown. There are two reasons for this virulent concentration.

CHINESE COLONY

One is the fact that Vancouver has always had Canada's biggest colony of Chinese, the descendants of those imported to labour on the first trans-continental railroads. Although the percentage of drug addiction is no higher today among the Chinese population than it is among the Europeans, there can be no doubt that the scourge has its origins in the spread of an Oriental taste for opium.

The other reason why addicts select Vancouver as a domicile is the temperate climate. They can survive in winter on less fuel and food than is essential to life in the more frigid cities to the east—and so they have more money to spend on drugs. The opiate creates an illegal market worth more than \$20,000,000 a year and smugglers, wholesalers and retailers wage constant warfare among themselves for a monopoly.

During the past 12 months three men have been shot, one fatally, in dope gang battles. Scores have been brutally maimed. The most bizarre reprisal was taken against a known trafficker who stepped into his car, turned the ignition key and detonated powerful explosives hidden under the bonnet by his enemies. The car was blown to fragments, and the man lost a leg.

TEENAGE ADDICTS

Seventy-five percent of new addicts are in their teens. The typical cases are boys or girls of above average intelligence but suffering from a psychosis—the result of a poor home background. Almost invariably they are convicted juvenile delinquents who pick up the habit in a criminal environment. They usually take the first "fix" to show off, much like a boy taking his first cigar. Unfortunately the sensation is so agreeable that they are enslaved by the drug for the rest of their lives.

So far anti-narcotic measures have been taken chiefly against the traffickers. But heroin, no light in relation to its value on the black market, and so easily smuggled, continues to pour in and, despite severe penalties, to find distributors. Now it is argued that the best way to keep down the crime rate is to eliminate the demand.

One proposal, considered by a recent Senate Committee of Inquiry was for an official distribution of drugs at a nominal price to registered addicts. This experiment was tried out, however, by the United States in the twenties and it resulted in a fiasco.

LOCKED UP

Serious attention is now being paid to published proposals of R.S.S. Wilson, a former Superintendent of the Narcotics Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Wilson takes the view that there is little to distinguish the behaviour of a modern drug addict from that of a dangerous lunatic. On these grounds, he argues, convicted addicts should be confined, in the same manner as the insane, and committed to special institutions.

Here attempts would be made to cure them and promising cases would be liberated on parole. After two lapses, however, they would be locked up for life. This is the only way, says Wilson, to bring an end to the degradation and violence which flourish in Vancouver, Canada's most beautiful city.

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SOUTH CHINA AND KMB
DISPLAY SOCCER AQUABATICS
AT NEW HK STADIUM

By I. M. MacTAVISH

As one who has the greatest respect for the thoroughness of the officials of both the South China and KMB clubs I was most disappointed yesterday to find that neither of them had enterprisingly engaged the services of 'Man Tai' for this vital League encounter.

The brilliant Colony swimmer would have been just the man to make the most of the conditions that turned this game into an exciting display of soccer aquabatics as the new Hongkong Stadium will see in a long time.

But first things first. This is one game that nearly did not take place. The club officials, with rain-soaked weather eyes cast sadly around the almost empty stands of the vast arena, were all for calling the whole thing off. But it was the last-minute credit of water, less necessary and more practical heads, that the game went on as scheduled.

However, there is one vital feature of the whole affair that must not happen again. The referee—who is, and must surely remain, the sole judge of whether a pitch is playable or unplayable—did not arrive at the Stadium until approximately 30 minutes of so before the advertised kick-off time.

By then thousands of anxious enthusiasts were already huddled in the ground and one hesitates to think what might have happened if the man with the whistle had decided that the match was not to proceed. Some of the rain-soaked spectators had been there since early morning and they could not have accepted a belated cancellation very cheerfully.

The HKFA must ensure that, in the event of particularly inclement weather such as we had yesterday, the referee has definite instructions to make an inspection of the ground sufficiently early to enable the ground staff and the police to make the necessary on-the-spot crowd arrangements in good and fair time.

ABSOLUTELY RIGHT

There were those who were very definite in their opinion that the game should never have started. I do not subscribe to that view. There was not one single good and valid reason to stop the game. There was certainly plenty of water on one half of the pitch.

SOCCER

South Koreans
Beat Chinese
Selection 2-1
At Manila

Manila, Feb. 27.—The visiting Korean football team won its second victory here last night by defeating a Chinese selection 2-1 at the Rizal stadium.

All three goals were scored in the first half with the home team drawing first blood. The Korean team beat a Philippine side 2-0 last Saturday.

The two teams will meet again in Seoul on April 20 and if Korea wins again, the Philippines will be eliminated in the qualifying matches for the Asian Football Championship.—France-Press.

NOTICE

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A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.



But the lines were clearly visible and the referee's decision to go ahead, belated as it was, was absolutely right.

The game itself was entertaining in more ways than one. Neither side really solved the challenging riddle of the conditions, although in the last 15 minutes the Busmen began to realise that the heavy water-logged ball had to be banged around if any worthwhile progress was to be made.

South China hardly deserved to win. A draw would have been a fairer result, but if there was one justification for the 'Champions' victory it was in the fact that they had the only player in the whole twenty-two who played above the unfavorable and unfamiliar circumstances. Much criticised, under-rated, Fong Sai-chow showed the big names just how the game should be played when there are inches of water on the ground and only his hand kept Fong's name off the score-sheet.

It was really astonishing to see experienced top-class players persisting in close-passing and tap-tapping when it was obvious on so obvious that their efforts were being bogged down at every turn. Time after time a player got the ball under control and then, instead of lifting it through the air to a colleague he would try to drive it along the ground only to see it come to a sticky end and a dead stop a few yards away.

Nevertheless the game had many exciting moments and, even if most of them came as the result of the underfoot conditions, they served to keep the crowd in good humor.

EARLY STAGES

KMB started off defending the deep end and Wai Fat-kim was soon in action. His confident goalkeeping and sure handling were not upset by the wet ball, although he must have been glad to find himself in direct line when on occasion Fong Sai-chow sailed through a narrow channel in the defence and delivered a real broadside.

In the early stages the busmen showed themselves better aquabats than South China whose star crewmen Ho Cheung-yau, Yiu Cheuk-yin and Mok Chiu-wah paddled and pranced in a way that might have pleased their friends in the Fortuna Club but did little to produce any goals.

The crowd had to wait until the 35th minute for a score. Fong Sai-chow launched a strong attack on the right and forced a corner. Sze-to Man made a good job of the kick and from just inside the penalty area Lee Chun-fat cracked it goalwards. It squirmed and squelched its way past a sea of legs and Pao King-yin's hands into the back of the net.

It took South China just seven minutes to get back on level terms. Lee Yui-tak chased a forward pass through several deep puddles almost to the bye line. At the last moment he hooked it across the face of the goal and out of a shower of spray came Mok Chiu-wah to smack it into the open goal. For a moment it looked as though it had been stopped in the water but Fong Sai-chow, who had been hooked into the goal in spite of a fine life-saving attempt by Wai Fat-kim, South China 3—KMB 1.

Slowly but surely after this the KMB boys began to find their sea legs... and just as steadily South China's forward plans went astray. Skipper Yiu Cheuk-yin, apparently satisfied with his lead, dropped back to do the team's job and it looked as though the

Caroliners had decided on a 'batten-down-the-hatches' policy determined to hold on to what they had and keep the opposition out. Wai Fat-kim was never idle for very long, however, and although he was almost sunk on one occasion when hit hard amidships by Lee Yui-tak's boot, he continued to show all the class that one now expects from him.

STRONG ATTACK

A spot of long-range semaphoric between Lee Chun-fat and Sze-to Man led to KMB's second goal. Lee launched a strong attack down the wing, gave the right signal, and Sze-to Man quickly switched the direction of the ball. The South China defence was caught in a strong cross current. In satiated Lam Kam-long and cracked the ball goalwards. For the second time in the afternoon Pao King-yin's defence sprang back. The goalkeeper—making his comeback under most difficult conditions—got both hands to the ball but it slipped past him, struck the post, and went into the net.

The busmen sensing that the tide was flowing their way piled on the pressure and came near to getting a well deserved equaliser. In fact, if one flying header by Lee Chun-fat had been a couple of points to starboard they would have got the goal their fighting finish merited.

In the South China side Fong Sai-chow gets top honors for his hard working display, while Lau Chi-ping and Luk Tak-hai were also fine defenders.

UNCERTAIN DISPLAY

Pao King-yin almost scuttled the South China effort with a very uncertain display between the sticks... but what a day for a comeback.

All the attackers did clever things, and other things that were not nearly so clever. In spite of getting himself marooned in the later stages of the game Lee Yui-tak with a goal, an 'assist', and a penalty awarded in his favour was the man who mattered most.

Wai Fat-kim was excellent for the busmen and got good support from Sze-to Yiu, and Lau Tim. Tang Sum was always trying to force on the play and it was Sze-to Man and Kwan King-sun who looked most likely to turn his good work to account. Lam Kam-long and Lee Chun-fat had their moments and their chances but Tang Yee-let floundered badly in the mud.

VERDICT

Congratulations to both sides for a brave showing in very difficult conditions, what a pity either side had to go down.

TEAMS

South China: Pao King-yin; Lau Chi-ping, Kwok Kam-hung; Fong Sai-chow, Luk Tak-hai, Chan Chi-kong; Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yui-tak, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chiu-wah.

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Hung Hing-yuk, Sze-to Yiu; Tang Sum, Lau Tim, Poon Kai-hung; Sze-to Man, Lam Kam-long, Tang Yee-let, Lee Chun-fat, Kwan King-sun.

SOUTHERN GAMES

Record Breaking
Feats By Britain's
Geoff Elliott

San Fernando, Trinidad, Feb. 10.—Geoff Elliott, stocky, fair-haired British Pole Vault Champion, went record-chasing in the two-day Southern Games which ended here today.

Elliott, Britain's main Olympic Decathlon hope, set a New Trinidad All-Comers' record for the Discus with a throw of 123 ft. 8 in. and then shattered the Trinidad record by clearing 12 ft. 0 in. in the Pole Vault.

Elliott, who competed in four events, finished second in yesterday's Shot Put but was unplaced in the 110 Metres Hurdles. He competed today in spite of a pulled leg muscle.

B. Greene, Windward Islands, was runner-up to Elliott in the Pole Vault with 11 ft. 9 in. Greene held the previous record of 11 ft. 0 in.—Reuter.

Harry S. Price, Welsh sporting journalist and broadcaster, analyses the motives which led to the escape of Luric Stan, a 27-year-old Roumanian Rugby footballer, during the Roumanian team's visit to Britain. Stan was a very privileged person in Roumania, he could, he told the British Press in January, 1956, "afford half a dozen of everything." He was, however, alienated by the Communist treatment of his parents, who are independent smallholders, and by the constant spying to which everyone is subjected in Roumania, particularly candidates for teams going abroad.

Breakaway To Freedom

By HARRY S. PRICE

Banansa airport, Bucharest, was the scene of a great demonstration when the Roumanian Rugby football team returned from its tour of England and Wales.

According to the Roumanian press, crowds of football enthusiasts loaded with flowers surged on to the airfield, and newsreel cameramen and reporters had difficulty in reaching the players.

After the Vice-President of the Committee for Physical Culture and Sport, Silescu, had spoken of the interest with which the tour had been followed throughout Roumania, Ion Balas—who had led the visitors in Britain—spoke of his team's bearing abroad, both on and off the field.

When sportsmen from the Communist countries visit the free world they are expected to submit to rigid discipline in their personal behaviour and movements, and Balas must have felt some disquiet as he reported on his team's conduct.

Certainly he must have hoped that the general enthusiasm would conceal the fact that an important member was missing, Luric Stan, a 27-year-old front row forward of the Ministry of Internal Affairs' Rugby Union team, Dinau.

STAR PLAYER

Stan had been picked to play in the United Kingdom for the Roumanian Lokomotiv XV because of the prowess he had shown on the Rugby field at home and elsewhere. For almost six years the State had built him up as a star player. In October, 1949, after finishing his higher education, he was called up for military service, but within a few days it had been noted from his

dossier that he was above average at Rugby football and he was posted to the headquarters of the Graniceri (Frontier Guards) in Bucharest.

At once his army duties became a mere formality. Between periods of training for sport he was asked to do a little clerical work and in a matter of months he was promoted sergeant and within two years he was commissioned as a lieutenant. When he visited the United Kingdom he was a captain.

While holding the rank of lieutenant, he was receiving pay and allowances equivalent to well over £100 a month—four times that of an ordinary worker and more than double that of a doctor or an engineer. In addition as a member of a team sent abroad he could earn a bonus of three times an ordinary worker's monthly pay for each victory gained (the Roumanians won one match, drew one and lost one).

Walter Farr wrote in the London Daily Mail of January 5, 1950: "Just before the Roumanians' match against Cardiff on September 7, Stan was told that the team would each receive at least £250 if they won." For their victory over Swansea they were told they would be given just under

£100 each, and for their draw with the Harlequins they were paid to get just over £50 each. This, Farr continued, "shows the importance the Communists attach to sport as a means of foreign propaganda."

FREEDOM

The political aspect of sport in the Soviet Union and the satellites, coupled with disgust at the way the Communists had treated his family at home, led Stan to make a break-away for freedom shortly after the Harlequins match on September 10.

He left the Roumanian party with only the clothes he was wearing. In the middle of December, according to the Manchester Guardian of January 4, 1950, he was recognised on the Rugby field at Twickenham by a member of the Harlequins' team.

It may well be asked why a young man so privileged as Stan chose to remain in Britain, where he had no position at all. In Bucharest, where entire families live in one room, he had a self-contained flat, and he could, he said, "afford half a dozen of everything."

In a country where private transport is rare he had an expensive motor-cycle. The answer to Stan's problem is simple. He was sickened by the Communists' treatment of his parents, who are independent smallholders.

On December 23, 1955, Premier George-Dej admitted that, in spite of threats and economic pressure, only 11 per cent of the rural population of Roumania had been forced into collective farms since the campaign for collectivisation began in 1949. Stan's parents, like other members of the independent peasantry, put up strong passive resistance to Communist policies and they have been held in goal more than once while most of their harvest was handed over to the State.

Stan also remembers that in 1947 his brother was beaten up so severely for criticising the regime that he is now permanently deranged.

FAMILY REASONS

Brought apart from family reasons, Stan objected violently to the constant spying to which everyone is subjected in Roumania, particularly candidates for teams going abroad. The Roumanian Rugby footballers were accompanied in Britain by political "watch-dogs", whom Stan had to elude before he could escape.

The Communists have to bribe players by special favours that would wreck their status as amateurs in other countries. At the same time, to maintain prestige, they are forced to send abroad their best men, many of whom are "politically unreliable."

It seems likely that as long as the Communists use men like Stan to advertise their achievements in the free world, at the same time subjecting their families and friends to persecution at home, the steady flow of defections will continue.

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Boat Race To
Be Televised

London, Feb. 20.—The annual River Thames Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities will be televised on March 24 for the first time to France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Continental commentators will explain its intricacies to two million additional viewers giving the event its biggest audience ever.—China Mail Special.

Colony Record For
Keith Burch In Great
Race With Bob Pape

By "RECORDER"

Peter West's Colony record of 9 minutes 25.3 seconds for the 3,000 Metres run was beaten by the first four to finish in the feature event of yesterday's forenoon athletic meeting at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill.

Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment became the first man to break nine minutes for the distance in Hongkong as he put on a powerful finishing burst to overtake Bob Pape at the last turn and pour the pace on to the finishing line to be timed in 8 minutes 59.0 seconds.

Bob Pape was second in 9:00.4. Bruce Tulloh third in 9:10 and Alan Smith fourth in 9:11. It could have been a four-man race with Tulloh and Smith quite fresh at the finish, but the constant spurts by Pape and Burch in the lead changed hands several times in the course of the race left Tulloh and Smith, neither of them inclined to come into the battle between these two, far behind on the bell lap.

Here both Tulloh and Smith discovered that they had plenty left in them, but it was too late and though they narrowed the gap down considerably, it remained a two-man race. "With Tony Trabert gone, what does the United States have?" he asked.

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OTHER EVENTS

The two ladies' events produced interesting results. The 30 Metres Hurdles Championship looks safe for Julia Tingay after her comparatively easy victory yesterday over South China's long jumper Ng Shuet-kwai and Fong Sik.

Ng Shuet-kwai aroused considerable interest in the 60 Metres Dash by running within a fifth of a second of Ho Mary-ye, the Colony Champion. Times were 8.4 and 8.6 seconds. Improved speed for Ng Shuet-kwai may mean a Colony ladies' Long Jump record of over 17 feet soon.

OLYMPIC SOCCER

The special International Football Federation (FIFA) committee today asked East and West Germany to decide by March 15 whether to field a unified team for this year's Olympic Games, failing which only West Germany would be allowed to participate.

The committee consists of Mr. Karel Latsy (Holland) the President, Sir Stanley Rous (Britain), and Mr. Kurt Gassmann (Switzerland).

The International Olympic Committee has decided that East Germany can only participate in the Melbourne Games if she joins in with the West German team.

West Germany is due to play Turkey in the preliminary round. The United States and Yugoslavia enter the final tournament of 16 countries by default, as their opponents, Mexico and Roumania, have withdrawn.

FIFA is still not certain about the Philippines—Communist China and Indonesia—Nationalist China matches, since the opponents do not maintain diplomatic relations.

The committee has asked the four countries to decide before March 15 whether they will play off their fixtures. It suggested that the two matches be played on "neutral" grounds.—Reuter.

KURT NIELSEN SAYS

Europe Has
Excellent Chance
In Davis Cup

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UPSET DEFEAT

Nielsen was beaten by Grant Golden of Chicago in an upset in the first round of the US Indoor Championships last week, but shrugged that off.

"He played well, and I had no excuses," Kurt said, pointing out that Seixas and Art Larsen have also suffered upset defeats.

"This indoor play, of course, has no bearing on what may happen later this year on outdoor courts."

Nielsen concluded his observations by saying: "I will point out, though, that two Swedes, Sven Davidson and Ulf Schmidt, were the indoor finalists (Schmidt won in four sets in an unexpected victory), so America can't afford to be complacent."—United Press.

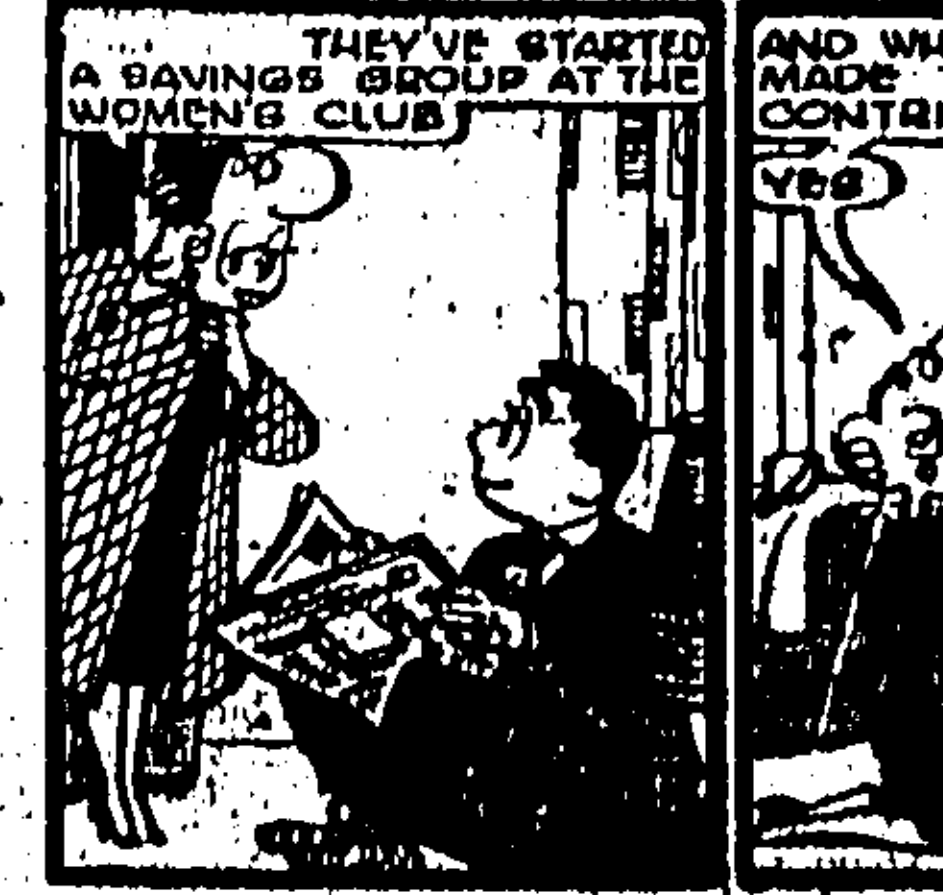
Delany Wins
Indoor Mile In
4:11.4

New York, Feb. 26.—Ron Delany, 20-year-old Irish "hope" for the Olympic 1,500 Metres at Melbourne, won the Mile in 4 mins 11.4 seconds here yesterday in the United States Indoor Inter-Collegiate Championships.

Delany, a student at Villanova University, is undefeated this season in indoor Mile events in the United States.

Johnny Haines (University of Pennsylvania) twice equalled the world indoor record of 0.1 seconds in winning the 60-yard dash, and Al Hall (Cornell) broke the meeting record when he threw the 35 lbs weight a distance of 62 ft 8 1/2 inches. The previous record of 60 ft 7 1/2 inches was set six years ago by John Scholtz.—China Mail Special.

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DEATH

BARRITO—Joao Corde (Johnny),
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p.m. today.

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Governor's Tribute To Work Of Tung Wah Hospital

The Tung Wah Hospital "is not merely a hospital nor even a group of hospitals bearing a common name, it is an embodiment of the living spirit of Chinese charitable endeavour, tended and moulded by many hands over the years but always shaped to one end—to meet the needs of ordinary men and women of Hongkong."

This tribute to the work of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals was paid by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG when he made his annual visit to the Tung Wah Hospital at Po Yan Street this morning.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Grantham, thanked the Chairman and Board of Directors for their welcome. Their service as directors, he said, meant "hard work, unremitting work, which carries with it little compensation beyond the knowledge of duty done."

They had upheld the great democratic tradition of public service, freely given to the community, and Sir Alexander added that no higher tribute could be given.

The following is the text of the Governor's address:

"During my time in Hongkong I have made annual visits of inspection to one or other of the three hospitals which together make up the Tung Wah group. All these visits have been full of interest but I think that the most rewarding have been those paid to this central building, the mother of the family, which stands on the original site and is permeated with the history and traditions of the Tung Wah Institution from its foundation onwards."

"The other hospitals are what their names imply, institutions dedicated to the cure and cure of disease, but standing here in this great hall surrounded by memories of the past, I find it easy to realise that the Tung Wah Hospital is a whole, a something far greater and more complex than this."

"It is not merely a hospital bearing a common name, it is an embodiment of the living spirit of Chinese charitable endeavour, tended and moulded by many hands over the years but always shaped to one end, to meet the needs of ordinary men and women in Hongkong."

MANIFESTO WAYS

"In your interesting report on the last year's work, Mr Chairman, you brought out very clearly the manifold ways in which the Tung Wah serves the people of this Colony and, even so, you passed lightly over many activities all of which carry with them their own problems and responsibilities. I do not propose to go over your report in detail but there are one or two points which struck me and to which I should like to refer."

"The first concerns your educational policy and the re-modelling of your schools to meet our present unprecedented demand. Now this is a very good example of what I meant when I said that the Tung Wah was an embodiment of the living spirit of Chinese charitable endeavour."

"The emphasis is on the work 'living'. You have shown how quickly this venerable institution reacts to a modern challenge and how competently she arms herself to meet it. I, too, hope that the programme you have outlined for the future may soon be accomplished."

"I must also compliment you on the time and care you have devoted to reorganising the administrative machinery of your institution and in effecting improvements in the physical amenities of the hospitals as well as in the conditions of service of your staffs."

UNSPECIFIC WORK

"This is often dull and unspectacular work which seems to show little immediate return but I assure you that it is essential work, the dividends from which will accrue to your successors in the years to come."

"I appreciate and sympathise with your slight feeling of frustration in having been unable to come to grips with the two major problems of reconstruction, the erection of new wings on this old building and of rebuilding the Kwong Wah Hospital."

"As you know, the first of these results the completion of an auditor's survey of the Tung Wah finances while the second has not yet passed out of the stage of the preliminary master plan. All that I can give you now is an assurance that both schemes will be considered without delay as soon as they are ready."

"Finally let me finish with a word of praise and of thanks. Perhaps the most amazing thing about the Tung Wah is the way in which year after year Chinese gentlemen come forward voluntarily to assume the onerous and expensive duty of serving as Chairman and Directors of the institution."

"It is hard work, unremitting work, which carries with it little compensation beyond the knowledge of duty done. Often it brings with it uninformed and undeserved criticism and always it means personal inconvenience and considerable personal expense."

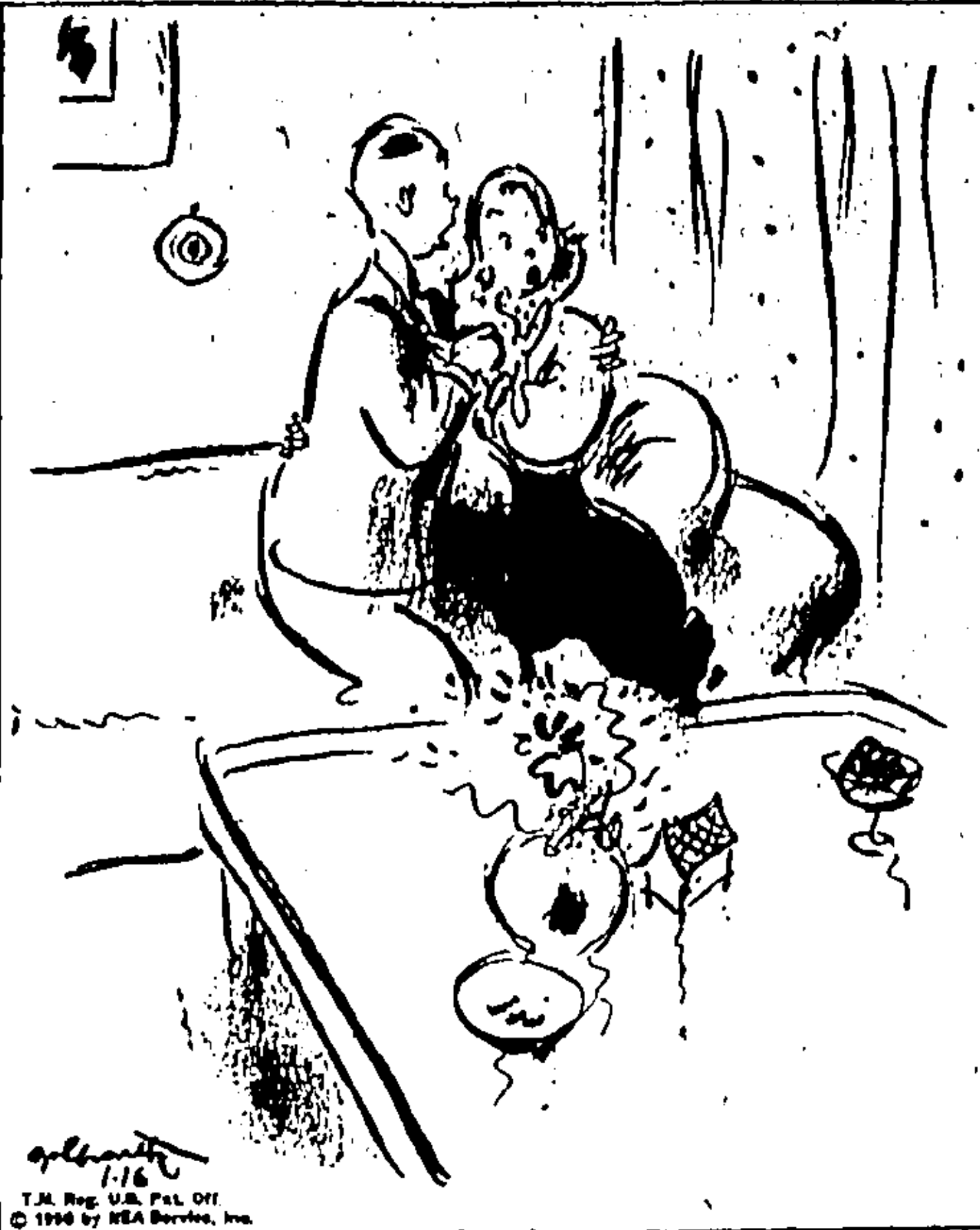
"And still you come to serve; the tradition is there, the grand democratic tradition of public service freely given to the community. Gentlemen, I can pay you no higher tribute than to say that you have worthily upheld that tradition. I thank you on behalf of myself and of the people of Hongkong."

TOUR HOSPITAL

Mr K. C. Pang, chairman of the Board of Directors, welcomed His Excellency and Lady Grantham and in a speech reviewed the work of the Board during the past year.

Before the speeches, Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham were introduced to members of the Board of Directors and the Medical Superintendent and were conducted, on a tour of inspection of the hospital proper, the Ping On, Fuk and Su wards, and the kitchens.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm not in favour of long engagements, Marge—one of us might find out something about the other that would queer our getting married!"

Alleged Murder Sequel To Tearing Down Of Flag

The trial of a 27-year-old enamel painter for the alleged murder of his factory foreman, which the Prosecution said had a political background, began before Mr Justice J. Reynolds in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

It was stated that the events took place on last year's Double Tenth (October 10) and the following day at a time when feelings were apparently running somewhat high after the alleged tearing down by the accused of a Chinese Nationalist flag that was posted to the door of the Yick Fung Enamel Factory at 473 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon.

The Prosecution said that the accused was severely beaten up for allegedly insulting the flag and it was alleged that two hours or so after the assault, accused stabbed deceased to death with a triangular file.

Standing trial was Li Nung and he was charged with the murder of Hung Oi-chung on October 11, 1955.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, Divisional Detective Inspector W. E. Thomas, officiated in charge of the case was present in Court for the Police.

Accused was defended by Mr John Clifford, on the instructions of Mr P. D. A. Remedios. A Special Jury of seven men have been empanelled.

JUROR STANDS DOWN

Before the oath was administered, a Special Juror said that he objected to capital punishment and that his conscience would prevent him from bringing in a true verdict in the event that he was satisfied with the guilt of the accused.

The Juror was allowed to stand down and another Juror was then called.

Opening the case for the Prosecution, Mr Mayne said that he wished to draw two matters to the attention of the Jury.

Crown Counsel said that there appeared in certain sections of the local Press shortly after the events reports which purported to set forth the facts or some of the facts of the case. The persons responsible for these reports had been dealt with and punished by the Courts. He said that one of the Jurors may have come across such reports and read them.

Crown Counsel said he wished to impress upon the Jury from the outset that if they had formed any impressions of the case from these reports or from anything else they should rid their minds completely of those impressions. Other words, he said, if they had read reports and if they had reached any conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused or had formed any impressions about the persons who would be giving evidence that they must rid their minds of them from the word go of such impressions.

THE ISSUE

The issue they were concerned with was whether or not the accused was guilty of murder and one which the Jury must decide on the evidence that would be adduced before them in the Court and on nothing else.

"Accordingly I ask you carefully to guard against being influenced consciously or unconsciously by anything about which you have read of this case before," said Mr Mayne.

The second matter which he wished to say was that while he would not say that the accused was guilty of murder, he would say that there was any political motive behind this alleged murder. Mr Mayne said he thought the position must be fixed from the outset that there was a political background. The events took place on October 10 last year in other words, the Double Tenth, and the day after and they took place at a time when feelings were apparently running somewhat high during the alleged tearing down by the accused of a Nationalist flag that on October 10 was posted to the door in the factory in which he worked.

Mr Mayne said: "We are not concerned in these Courts with politics and I know that again you would not allow your minds to be influenced one way or the other by any political view you may have. We are here for one purpose alone and that is to work out whether the evidence shows that the accused is guilty or not guilty of the offence with which he is charged."

CASE OUTLINED

The charge was that the accused, on October 11 last year murdered Hung Oi-chung, and Mr Mayne then outlined the case.

He said that it appeared that the accused and the deceased were both employed in the Yick Fung Enamel Factory at 473

Castle Peak Road, Kowloon. Deceased was foreman of the decreasing department and the accused was employed as a foid in the same department. Deceased was also chairman of the Enamel Workers Union.

The factory was fairly extensive and covered a very large area and employed a great number of workers.

The story as far as the Prosecution case was concerned commenced on October 10, Crown Counsel said. This was the Double Tenth and apparently it was an optional holiday for the factory employees—they could either go to work or they could take a holiday. It appeared that some of the employees went to work that day while others did not.

The Jury would hear evidence that on a door leading to the decreasing department in which the accused and the deceased were employed was posted on the morning of October 10 a paper Nationalist flag and that in the course of the morning accused was seen to tear down the flag and to use it for cleaning his hands. Portions of the flag remained posted to the door.

WORKERS ANNOYED

"This of course caused annoyance to certain of the other employees in the factory and it appears that conversations took place between them on the 11th, that is, the following day," said Mr Mayne.

It appeared that when the employees left the factory for their midday meal sometime about 12.30 p.m. on October 11 accused was followed by the deceased and by some of the other employees and that words passed, concerning the tearing down of the flag on the previous day.

The accused person was then accused by his fellow employees of tearing the flag down and he denied he had done so, said Crown Counsel. Apparently matters became heated and eventually the accused took to his heels and ran away. He was followed by the deceased and a number of the factory workers and eventually accused was caught and given what was described as a very sound beating up.

Accused was medically examined on October 12 and the Jury would hear medical evidence as to what he was suffering from at that time. It was clear from the medical evidence that he accused got a severe beating up.

PRIME MOVER

The Jury would hear that the deceased took part in the assault and made it appear that he was the prime mover amongst those persons who sought to chastise the accused on that occasion.

Accused, escaped eventually, and apparently everything followed the course that the Jury would hear. He would give evidence that about 1.15 p.m. that day—the beating up was between 12.30 and 12.45—a man named Lam Shu was in a shop nearby with another person named Tang when the accused entered it. He spoke to them and complained about the treatment he received. About the time he received the beating up, he said, he was in the shop nearby.

From maps and photographs the Jury would see that the decreasing department was next door to the acid washing department and that there was a door that communicated with the two departments. On this door, the acid washing department was the factory's notice board. Evidence would be given that a person named Chan Yau or Chan Yee went towards the notice board about this time and that he met deceased and had a conversation with him. Chan would say that during this conversation there was no one else standing near them and apparently everything was quiet—there was no question of quarrelling or fighting going on.

"But during the course of the conversation, deceased suddenly called out 'Ai Yuh' and crumpled up, putting his hands to his side," Mr Mayne said. At the same time Chan heard an iron object which he would identify as a triangular file (which Crown Counsel exhibited) drop to the ground beside the deceased. At the same time Chan became aware of the fact that accused was standing just right beside the deceased and there was no one else near by. The accused then ran away. Deceased lay where he fell and said some words, but he died very soon after. Medical evidence would say that deceased died as a result of a stab wound which he received and was consistent with a stab wound caused by the triangular file.

It was the Crown's case that it was alleged that this stab wound which caused the death of the deceased was caused by the accused, Mr Mayne said. Accused was the only person who could have done it and the only person who did do it, he alleged.

ACCUSED CHARGED

After the accused ran away there was a chase in which a number of persons took part. Eventually accused was chased into the general office of the factory and there he was heard to say that he had to stab deceased to death because he could not take any more of the beating. He was further heard to say, "Today is a day which will be either for him or for me to die."

Mr Mayne said, subject to correction on the law by his Lordship, the gist of murder was that there was an intentional killing, either with the intention of killing a person or causing him grievous bodily harm and if the person died as a result of either act, then it was murder. Crown Counsel said that the Jury were satisfied that that was the intention of the accused at the time his submission was that they must bring in a verdict of murder.

Hearing is continuing.

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